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GOVERNMENT

OF THE

City of Melrose

Mayor

THOMAS L. THISTLE
95 Youle Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

FRANK B. McLAUGHLIN
15 Stevens Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
5 Taylor Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Stanley G. Bunker, 92 School Street
Robert S. Clark, 45 Whitman Avenue
Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., 97 Larchmont Road

Ward Aldermen

1. Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road
2. Richard S. Bullens, 246 Porter Street
3. Ronald H. Winde, 52 Wentworth Road
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Richard H. McIntosh, 86 Derby Road
6. John A. Lavender, Jr., 45 E. Foster Street
7. George S. Traquair, 49 Whitman Avenue

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STANDING COMMITTEES

of the

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, YEAR 1952

Appropriations
Alderman George S. Traquair, Chairman
Aldermen Bunker, Winde, Bruce, Bullens, Campbell, McIntosh, Vaitses, Lavender, Clark

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Education, Health, and Public Welfare
Alderman Stanley G. Bunker, Chairman
Aldermen Winde, McIntosh, Clark, Traquair

Finance
Alderman Richard S. Bullens, Chairman
Aldermen Bruce, Vaitses, Lavender, Campbell

Highways
Alderman Raymond E. Campbell, Chairman
Aldermen Bullens, Bruce, Lavender, Vaitses

Legal and Legislative
Alderman Walter W. Bruce, Chairman
Aldermen Campbell, Lavender, Bullens, Vaitses

Protection and License
Alderman Ronald H. Winde, Chairman
Aldermen Traquair, McIntosh, Bunker, Clark

Public Service
Alderman Richard H. McIntosh, Chairman
Aldermen Bunker, Traquair, Clark, Winde

Clerk of Committees

Wesley H. Murray 63 W. Emerson Street

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 56, as amended).

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

City Treasurer and Collector
S. Homer Buttrick

City Auditor
Edward J. Donovan

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works
Glen S. Weeks

City Solicitor
A. Van Allen Thomason

Mayor's Secretary
Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief
Office Vacant

Fire Warden
Sidney C. Field

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain
George D. McWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Building Commissioner
Malcolm G. Fillmore

Inspector of Plumbing
Everett G. Dow

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Cornelius Thibeault, V. S.

Sanitary Inspector
John J. Devine

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wesley H Murray

Civil Defense Department
Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Director

Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services
Dr. H. Leslie Trickey

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Rev. Joseph F. Bonner
Frank C. Gardner
William H. Gibbons
Dr. Ralph D. Leonard
(Died May 27, 1952)
Richard H. McIntosh
Harold W. Poole
Louis J. Savarino
George F. Wallburg

Assessors

Henry L. Restall, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Roger W. Brown	Term expires 1955
Norman D. MacDonald	Term expires 1954

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Clerk

Inspector of Wires
Fred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham, Chrm. (Resigned)

Dr. Oakley R. Jones, Chairman	Term expires 1954
Edward L. Kelly	Term expires 1955
Paul E. Troy	Term expires 1953

City Physician
Dr. Frederick A. Dunham
(Resigned)

School Physicians

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham (Resigned)
Dr. Thomas M. Hearne
Dr. Joel M. Johnson
Dr. Francis D. McCarthy

Board of Public Welfare

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Vivian B. Adams	Term expires 1954
Gertrude M. Curtin	Term expires 1955
John W. Huse	Term expires 1953
William J. Neely	Term expires 1954

Mary J. Melville, Agent

Park Commission

Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1956
John T. Brady	Term expires 1955
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1954
Benjamin R. Vaughan	Term expires 1953

Francis J. Meehan, Superintendent

Recreation Commission

John T. Brady, Chairman	Lewis H. Keith
Florence W. Morse, Rec. Sec'y.	John M. Kirk
Margaret B. Restall, Corr. Sec'y.	Harold T. Rand
L. Arthur Johnson	Henry A. Tyler

Board of Appeal

Melvin R. Jenney, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Harry Brettell	Term expires 1956
William H. Jones	Holdover
Howard R. True	Term expires 1957
George H. Varney	Term expires 1954

Edwin H. King, Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

Harold T. Rand

School Committee Members

Herbert N. Faulkner, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Donald A. Welch, Cor. Sec.	Term expires 1954
Wilbur H. Burnham, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Lloyd E. Conn	Term expires 1956
Chester M. Cummings	Term expires 1954
Ralph W. Daffinee	Term expires 1956
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1954
Allen L. Giles	Term expires 1956
Leighton H. York	Term expires 1954

Trustees of Memorial Building

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Robert T. Boynton	Term expires 1955
Leslie B. Ellis	Term expires 1954
Orlando W. Foss	Term expires 1954
Louis K. McNally	Term expires 1955

Personnel Board

Fred R. Nelson, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Geoffrey G. Felt	Term expires 1954
Ralph Y. Scott	Term expires 1953
Robert E. Steer	Term expires 1953
Walter E. Trask	Term expires 1954

Trustees of Public Library

Elinor H. Tibbetts, Chairman	Term expires 1953
William L. Carney	Term expires 1955
Edwin C. Kemp	Term expires 1954
Edwin W. Lundquist	Term expires 1953
Dr. Melvin H. Nicholls	Term expires 1954
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1955

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Cemetery Committee

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

Inspector of Veterans' Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Registrars of Voters

Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Charles E. Holt	Term expires 1954
Edward J. Murphy	Term expires 1953
Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk	Ex-officio

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Helene K. Barrett
Earle H. Boyce
Katherine D. Boynton
Helen D. Brackett
Mary H. Condell
Catherine A. Galvin
George W. Jepson, Jr.
Mary A. McHatton
Grace F. Mitchell
Dell H. Mullin
Frances M. O'Connell
Helen P. Sykes
Julia A. Twohig
Gertrude E. White
Mary R. Winslow
Mildred H. Wurzbacher

Dog Officer

Dr. Ernest W. Rivers

Planning Board

Edward F. Riley, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Zilpha C. Huntress, Secretary	Term expires 1954
William L. Bailey	Term expires 1953
Robert D. Culver	Term expires 1953
Douglas B. S. Dalton	Holdover
Ralph E. Gott	Term expires 1956
Edward M. Laskey	Term expires 1956
Mary D. Whitney	Term expires 1954
Royal Barry Wills	Term expires 1955

Retirement Board

Edward J. Donovan, Chairman	City Auditor
Martin J. Armstrong, Secretary	Term expires 1953
Robert L. Hutchinson	Term expires 1955

Fence Viewers

Clyde O. Bailey — Arthur L. Marr

Constables

George D. McWilliams — Guy A. Storer

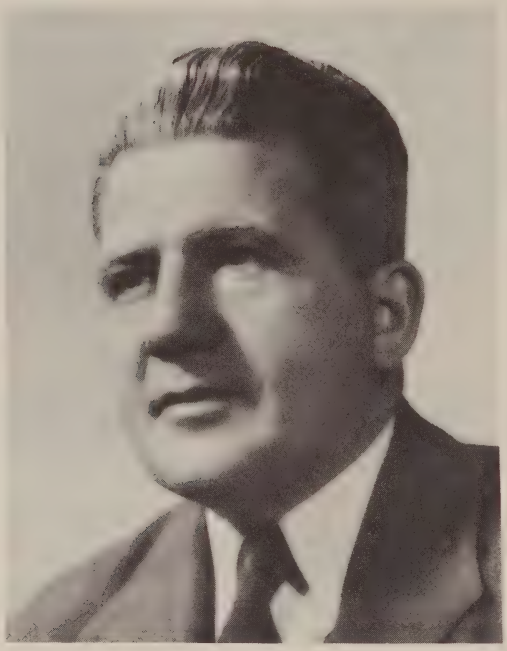
Wesley H. Murray

Keeper of the Lock-up

George D. McWilliams

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF MAYOR THOMAS L. THISTLE

Delivered January 7, 1952



Today the flags on our public buildings are at half-staff, and the people of Melrose are saddened by the passing of two citizens whose activities encompassed a life-time of ardently devoted service to the City they loved. Our present desirability as a residential community results from the untiring work of many ever zealous, upright gentlemen of Christian character, whose "word was as good as their bond". More than typical, truly outstanding, were the Honorable Charles H. Adams, Mayor 1915-1920, who died last Saturday, and the Honorable Victor A. Friend, former Governor's Councillor, who was buried last Saturday. The record of their extensive and invaluable civic contributions would require a complete volume. The citizens of Melrose today are justly proud, and together with the citizens for generations to come, immeasurably indebted to them, and tonight we humbly and with deepest respect pay homage to their precious memories.

(Audience stood for one minute in silent tribute)

On November 19, 1951, the Melrose Free Press celebrated its Golden Jubilee by publishing a 50th Anniversary Edition of 110 pages, Miss Dorothy M. Raymond, Editor. Favorable solution of the many intricate problems of the past fifty years was aided materially by its journal-

istic leadership, and to a considerable degree its foresight and prudence blazed a trail that favorably developed our model residential city of today.

The privilege and honor of serving a third term as MAYOR of the "spotless town" of Melrose presents a new challenge to intelligently solve present and unpredictable municipal problems. The havoc created by nation-wide inflation is directly reflected in municipal management problems.

The debt-free status of Melrose for the past three and one-half years has resulted in a generously applauded precedent that has greatly enhanced our reputation as a wisely managed city. For many years we have operated on a strictly "pay-as-you-go" policy, with all expenses paid out of current income. At present the City of Melrose enjoys the best financial condition of its fifty-one years of incorporation.

No single individual can justly claim the major credit for these accomplishments. Melrose has been honestly served for generations by public-spirited citizens of integrity, too numerous to record at this time. However, may I officially record that after four years as your Mayor I am impressed profoundly by the invaluable and expert services, and financial wisdom, of my predecessor in office, the Honorable Carl A. Raymond, and Alderman-at-Large Herman A. Black, who retired this evening after nineteen years of continuous service as an unpaid Alderman. Melrose would not be debt-free today without their valuable assistance as painstaking public servants.

Adequate and conveniently located automobile parking facilities are absolutely essential in an ideally progressive residential community. Four years ago, in my first inaugural message, I appointed a TRAFFIC SURVEY COMMITTEE. The present membership is composed of the original members, Glen S. Weeks, Chairman, Fire Chief Sidney C. Field, Police Captain George D. MacWilliams, William B. Alexander, Joseph T. Cefalo, Chester M. Cummings, Edgar A. Perry, Edward F. Riley, and the new member, Alderman Richard S. Bullens.

This committee has applied itself industriously to solving numerous automobile parking problems, having in mind, first: the convenience of the shopping public, and second: to encourage shopping in local stores. Assisted by the officers of the Chamber of Commerce, noteworthy progress during the past four years can be recorded; including the enlargement of the parking area in the rear of the Center Fire Station, parking meters on congested streets, free parking at all three railroad stations, and at the recently opened Dill's Court.

The Mayor is strongly of the opinion that Dill's Court should remain a free parking area, and to re-install parking meters would be most detrimental to the best interests of the citizens and our local merchants.

The Mayor, in conducting the long-range planning necessary to continuous improvements, has been greatly assisted by our Planning Board. The well considered improvements of the past four years include the completion of the Horace Mann School, the new Police Headquarters, Conant Road Playground, New England's best High School Athletic Field, with 7,000 grand-stand seats and modern Field House, Northeast and Southeast Trunk Sewers, new Cemetery Office Building, and a Field House at Pine Banks Park.

The major items of long-range planning for 1952 are (1) Addition of gymnasium, four class rooms, manual training rooms, and incidental appointments at the Theodore Roosevelt School, in order that its facilities may be comparable to those of the Coolidge and Lincoln Schools, and (2) sufficient appropriations to construct a large backlog of necessary street, sewer and water improvements. Property owners should not be required to wait nearly three years for accepted street construction.

The City appropriates annually to a Stabilization Fund two percent of the tax levy of the previous year. The present balance in this Fund is $128,017.07, and about $40,205.25 will be added in 1952. The money received from the Commonwealth as State Aid will be increased $17,122.76 during 1952. Hence, $185,345.08 will be available during the present year for the Roosevelt School additions. I predict that sufficient additional moneys will be available out of other surplus funds and the 1952 tax levy to complete the work without resorting to borrowing, and that Melrose will be debt-free during 1952.

The reclamation of the swampy area on the shores of Ell Pond was studied carefully, but gratuitously, by an excellent committee of unusually competent engineers residing in Melrose, Edward P. Wells, Chairman. The recommendations of this committee are being carried out, at a nominal cost, and within a reasonably short time Ell Pond Park should be a well-landscaped and beautiful park. Several other inexpensive permanent improvements are on the agenda for 1952. Many expensive, but highly desirable, public improvements must wait for available funds.

Harold W. Poole, Chairman of Civil Defense, deserves special mention for his energetic and able organizational efforts. The state authorities have given special recognition to Fire Chief Field and J. Seymour Diehl, head of communications, for the expeditious manner in which their duties are performed. Recently Mr. Poole, who is principal of the High School and Chairman of the Park Commission, found it necessary to be excused from the Chairmanship of Civil Defense, and his able assistant, Lawrence E. Lovejoy, having been appointed by the Mayor in his stead, the work will continue to progress as rapidly as a citizenry, more or less complacent to civil defense, will cooperate.

Many taxpayers of Melrose are of the erroneous opinion that the tax rates, and the amount of their tax bills, are exclusively within the control and jurisdiction of the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen. The taxpayers of Melrose are not exempt from the heavy expenses created by our free-spending State government. The authorities on Beacon Hill spend and spend, and merely notify the cities and towns of the amounts to be contributed. Furthermore the policy is being established to deprive annually city and town governments of their just share of corporation, excise and other taxes to which heretofore they have been entitled. It is conservatively estimated that the money taken from local governments by the 1951 Legislature will result in an across-the-board local tax rate increase of two dollars.

It is disheartening to have the economies accomplished at county and city levels wiped out at the state and national levels. Henry F. Long, State Commissioner of Taxation, last week predicted an average tax rate increase throughout the Commonwealth of six dollars per thousand. Quote - "the federal government in 1952 will take more than $1,800,000,000.00 in taxes out of Massachusetts, the state will collect

$213,000,000.00 from its taxpayers". With his first-hand information of the freedom of spending at the state level, undoubtedly he knows the basic financial facts.

Furthermore, by Legislative enactment and Supreme Judicial Court decision, the Mayor and Honorable Board of Aldermen have little or no control over School Department expenditures. During the past four years the School Department's annual budget has increased from $610,875.93 to $954,924.00, an approximate 56.3% increase in four years. The 1952 School Budget provides for an increase of $120,771.00.

The foregoing statement is purely factual and is not intended as a criticism. The Mayor has no legal right to interfere, and will not interfere, with school administration. Presumably a large percentage of Melrose taxpayers are perfectly content to pay these increases, because, at the last November election, with four vacancies in our School Committee, 4% percent of our eligible voters failed to vote.

Commissioner Long has repeatedly commented to your Mayor about the low Melrose real estate assessments, and has urged substantial increases. Notwithstanding these suggestions, your Mayor is of the opinion that the tax rate should be the fluctuating figure, reflecting a barometer of current expenses, and residential assessments should remain reasonably constant. In politically operated cities both factors fluctuate at the will of those in power. Melrose is fortunate in having an honest, capable and experienced Board of Assessors.

The Mayor has observed the strengthening of proposals that eventually may deprive the good people of Melrose, and other suburban residents, of the many advantages of their present good governments.

The City of Boston by reason of notoriously poor and expensive government, (prior to the election of Mayor Hynes) has become overwhelmingly involved in debt. Naturally, the metropolitan leaders look with envy upon the debt-free Melrose, and other financially sound nearby communities. Hence, every year in our Legislature bills are introduced by Boston legislators, seeking to consolidate the entire greater Boston area in various schemes. Such plans are solely for the benefit of Boston, and seek to discount the indisputable fact that a substantial part of their income is received from suburbanites. Every time we visit the city we contribute our proportionate share to expenses accumulated by years of mismanagement.

The Mayor wishes to state emphatically that any or every scheme of consolidation will jeopardize our self government, will lessen our independence, and unquestionably will result in our assuming a substantial part of Boston's tax load. The procedure is to gain a foothold by consolidating one department, for example, a Greater Boston Fire Department, then the Police, and eventually the Public Works.

Apparently the citizens of Melrose are not informed, or are wholly indifferent and apathetic to this critical danger and well planned scheme, for at these important legislative hearings, the Mayor and the local legislators have been the only persons in attendance and protesting. Some day in the none too distant future the Metropolitan "politician" intends to reach out like a financially hungry octopus and grasp within his tentacles the financially sound suburban communities. It will be far easier to prevent this casualty then to remove the tentacles once they have us in their grasp.

On this 51st Anniversary of the incorporation of our delightful "city of homes" I wish to express my personal gratitude to the capable heads of departments, without whose devoted service little could be accomplished. Furthermore, we have an unusally industrious and loyal group of city employees, and the departments are not overstaffed.

My Boards of Aldermen have been especially cooperative and generally the business of the City has been conducted as it should be conducted by the Board of Directors of any successful business corporation, with a minimum of personalities, and each member giving fair consideration to the opinion of the other members, all working together on an equal basis. No Mayor could be favored with more businesslike and friendly Presidents of the Board than Ronald H. Winde and Frank N. McLaughlin.

Hence, service for Melrose is both an honor and a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas L. Thistle
MAYOR

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1952:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 41,476,750.00	
Personal Property	3,219,150.00	
Total	$ 44,695,900.00	
Tax Rate $53.80 per $1,000.00		

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be included in the Tax Levy	$ 3,079,186.82	
From Available Funds	277,726.82	
Total Appropriations		$ 3,356,913.64
State Assessments - 1952 Estimates		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	$ 1,952.48	
State Examination of Retirement System	834.70	
Smoke Inspection Service	617.47	
Metropolitan Parks	37,050.45	
Metropolitan Sewerage	54,215.99	
Metropolitan Water	24,987.16	
Total 1952 State Estimates		$ 119,658.25
State Assessments - 1951 Underestimates:		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ .25	
Metropolitan Parks	15,046.09	
Total 1951 State Underestimates		$ 15,046.34
County Assessments - 1952 Estimates:		
County Tax	$119,616.70	
Tuberculosis Hospital	33,788.56	
Total 1952 County Estimates		$ 153,405.26
County Assessment - 1951 Underestimates		
County Tax	$ 4,139.10	
Total 1951 County Underestimates		$ 4,139.10
OVERLAY 1952		35,450.43
OVERLAY DEFICITS:		
1950	$ 308.15	
1951	1,753.23	
Total Overlay Deficits		$ 2,061.38
TOTAL - ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 3,686,674.40

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City - 1952		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 200,845.92	
Licenses	5,274.00	
Fines	1,732.40	
Special Assessments	24,795.49	
General Government	11,180.40	
Protection of Persons and Property	909.10	
Health and Sanitation	32,626.57	
Highways	4,689.53	
Charities	20,567.00	
Old Age Assistance	159,260.08	
Veterans' Benefits	10,982.03	
Schools	3,879.27	
Libraries	50.37	
Recreation	5.46	
Public Service	142,718.77	
Cemeteries	11,751.47	
Interest	3,888.60	
EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY	47,000.00	
Total 1952 Estimated City Receipts		$ 682,156.46
Estimated Receipts - State - 1952		
Income Tax	$ 165,554.93	
Corporation Taxes	103,386.15	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	6,585.45	
State Assistance for School Construct	17,122.76	
Total 1952 Estimated State Receipts		$ 292,649.29
State Overestimates - 1951		
Metropolitan Sewerage	$ 11,446.41	
Metropolitan Water	14.00	
Total 1951 State Overestimates		$ 11,460.41
AVAILABLE FUNDS		277,726.82
TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS		$ 1,263,992.98
ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 3,686,674.40
LESS ALL DEDUCTIONS		1,263,992.98
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$ 2,422,681.42

HOW RAISED:				
Polls	9021	@ $ 2.00		$ 18,042.00
Personal Tax	$3,219,150.00	@	$ 53.80	173,190.27
Real Estate	41,476,750.00	@	53.80	2,231,449.15
TOTAL				$ 2,422,681.42

ADDENDUM

YEAR	CENSUS	DWELLINGS	POLLS	VALUE BUILDINGS	VALUE LAND	TOTAL VAL. REAL ESTATE	VALUE PERSONAL ESTATE	TOTAL VALUATION	RATE PER $1,000	CITY APPROPRIATION	SEWERAGE TAX	OTHER STATE LEVIES	STATE TAX	COUNTY TAX	OVERLAY	TOTAL TAX LEVY	YEAR
1932	23,783	5,035	7,116	26,678,850	7,887,000	34,565,850	2,225,100	36,820,959	31.80	1,327,235.27 †90,057.05	17,334.15	92,873.07	50,797.50	50,847.38 8,893.99	21,674.18	1,659,712.59 *467,458.38	1932
1933	23,534	5,076	7,240	26,649,700	7,931,200	34,580,900	2,108,600	36,689,500	33.60	1,348,025.24 †206,930.62	16,643.37	90,190.89	46,890.00	47,082.90 16,653.34	34,866.13 239.34	1,807,521.83 *553,034.63	1933
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 †161,818.77	15,919.98	83,642.67	52,100.00	51,830.98 15,538.41	27,844.47 4,088.45	1,769,272.70 *543,865.10	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 †58,458.65	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,933.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 †191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 †182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,376.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984,450	36.00	1,863,980.44 †257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,236,368.14 †553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948
1949	27,928	6,076	9,015	30,599,200	8,041,750	38,640,950	3,630,800	42,271,750	42.00	2,275,091.66 †505,779.95	50,536.79	53,625.77	0.00	86,952.17 19,326.54	25,008.40 625.80	3,016,947.08 *1,223,503.58	1949
1950	27,973	6,156	8,981	31,168,500	8,079,400	39,247,900	3,360,600	42,608,500	42.00	2,453,410.37 †425,385.17	61,384.35	65,614.32	0.00	114,034.08 21,887.19	25,000.00 529.67	3,167,245.15 *1,359,726.15	1950
1951	28,226	6,279	9,019	31,996,700	8,149,350	40,146,050	3,554,250	43,700,300	46.00	2,796,487.39 † 200,763.66	60,072.82	54,889. 62	0.00	98,478.29 28,422.61	27,000.00 8.40	3,266,122.79 *1,237,870.99	1951
1952	28,313	6,409	9,021	33,242,450	8,234,300	41,476,500	3,219,150	44,695,900	53.80	3,079,186.82 † 277,726.82	54,215.99	80,488.60	0.00	123,755.80 † 33,788.56	35,450.43 2,061.38	3,686,674.40 *1,263,992.98	1952

† From Available Funds
* Receipts

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed	6,789
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	9,021
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	11,185
Number of Horses assessed upon	34
Number of Cows assessed upon	0
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	6,409

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	PERSONAL	REAL ESTATE
City Property Publicly Used	$ 414,900.00	$ 4,962,550.00
City Property Not So Used		81,325.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	386,700.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	46,400.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	1,048,800.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	171,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	19,100.00
Parsonages		45,000.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,000.00
	$ 740,900.00	$ 6,801,875.00

The following additional assessments were committed:

Motor Vehicle Excise (11,185)		$ 231,743.26
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 10,376.49	
" Sidewalk "	2,405.71	
" Street "	1,700.00	
Committed Interest	3,757.27	$ 18,239.47
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 36,482.97	
" Sidewalk "	2,805.32	
" Street "	29,655.60	$ 68,943.89
Additional Polls (36)		$ 72.00

During the year 28,641 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully Submitted:

Norman D. MacDonald

Henry R Pinto

Lewis C. Hennigar

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1952

Organization of Board
Oakley R. Jones, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Edward L. Kelly, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians
Thomas M. Hearne, M. D. Francis D. McCarthy, M.D.
Joel M. Johnson, M. D.

Dentist
Ezra J. Kennison, D.M.D.

Dental Hygienists
Eleanor D. Hovey Frances W. Sargent
Hazel E. Sederquist

Public Health Nurses
Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N., Supervisor
Genevieve J. Creeley, P.H.N. Jane H. Lord, P.H.N.

Inspectors

Sanitary	John J. Devine
Animals	Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions in the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1952.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

During the year, Frederick A. Dunham, M.D. after serving as Chairman of the Board faithfully and efficiently for four years tendered his resignation. He has now become associated with the State Department of Public Health.

On August 6, 1952, Oakley R. Jones, M.D. was appointed to the Board of Health by his Honor, the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Dunham.

Mr. Edward L. Kelly was reappointed to the Board by his Honor, the Mayor for a three year term and Dr. Jones was elected Chairman by the members of the Board of Health.

The position of Plumbing Inspector, by amendment of the City Ordinance was changed from the Health to the Building Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

Space is desirable for the Well Baby Clinic and the Immunization Clinic. This same area could be used as a conference room. A laboratory for the use of the Sanitary Inspector is rather urgently needed as we are now using borrowed facilities in Saugus.

DENTAL HEALTH -

Fluoride prophylaxsis program was carried out in Grades 1-2 and 6-7 during the school year.

The dental clinic has functioned efficiently durthe year giving to those children showing financial need expert restorative treatment by Dr. E. J. Kennison. The clinic at the Forsythe Dental School has also been utilized.

Much appreciation is expressed to Drs. Trevor and Diamond for their supervision of the dental health and educational program.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

The school doctors completed the examinations of

the public and parochial school children. The immunization program was kept up-to-date. The nurses visited the schools regularly and carried out the usual health inspections and instructions. The handicapped children were seen regularly and remedial programs discussed with parents and teachers.

We commend the school department on the institution of lip reading classes.

SANITATION -

All nuisances reported were investigated and action for correction taken.

All bakeries and stores were visited regularly. Recommendations to improve standards were made and enforced.

All soda fountains and restaurants were inspected regularly.

All milk sold in the city was tested and cultured periodically and found acceptable.

All food manufacturing and processing establishments in the city were inspected.

All known stables, animal pens, chicken yards, etc., were inspected.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES -

There were five cases of poliomyelitis, with one death resulting, one case of tetanus, one case of meningitis and one case of measles encephalitis in the city during 1952.

Thirteen cases of paratyphoid fever were discovered and followed; all contacts were carefully checked. In all cases the source of infection was either outside the city or by direct contact.

Measles, mumps, whooping cough and chickenpox followed their usual cycle as charted elsewhere. There was one case of diphtheria and fifteen cases of scarlet fever.

There were no cases of rabies in the city. Four hundred thirty one dogs were immunized under the supervision of the Board of Health during 1952.

Six new cases of tuberculosis were reported during the year. The average age or the new cases was 57 years, the oldest being 85 years and the youngest 39 years.

Through the cooperation of the Melrose Tuberculosis Society and the Melrose Hospital free chest Xrays are now available to all Melrose residents throughout the year.

The approval of all proposed subdivisions for drinking water, sewage and surface drainage became a new duty of the health department this year, as prescribed by State Law.

We wish, in closing to thank the Mayor, the Aldermen, and all departments of the city for their co-operation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

Oakley B. Jones M.D. Board of

Paul E. Ivory Health of

Edward L. Kelly Melrose

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1952	Totals 1952	1951	Totals 1951
Total Appropriation		$41,535.98		$41,780.00
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$20,279.67		$21,874.75
Chairman	$2,817.40		$3,856.25	
Board Members	120.00		120.00	
Clerk	2,849.50		2,684.50	
Substitute Clerk	54.00		60.00	
School Physicians	1,302.54		1,250.00	
Public Health Nurses	8,998.73		7,839.00	
Inspector of Animals	675.00		675.00	
Sanitary Inspector	3,462.50		3,240.00	
Plumbing Inspector	.		2,150.00	
Other Expenses		1,774.42		1,754.33
Telephone	263.67		227.00	
Car Maint.-Plumbing Inspector.	.		175.29	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ 8¢ per mile	1,160.40		1,083.92	
Postage and Express	21.94		23.51	
Office Supplies	98.75		81.10	
Sundries and Printing	229.66		163.51	
Tuberculosis		9,323.99		8,578.36
Outside Aid	353.45		360.86	
Board & Supplies in Hospital	8,970.54		8,217.50	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		630.10		369.28
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals		456.50		363.50
Immunization of Dogs		300.01		249.74
Transp.-Children Dental Clinic		569.00		522.00
Dental Clinic:				
Salaries & Wages		4,611.00		4,552.00
Administrative Expense		782.61		793.76
Care of Premature Babies		876.00		800.84
Total Expenditures		$39,603.30		$39,858.56
Revenues of Board of Health*		$ 7,826.24		$ 1,337.17
Licenses and Permits	$ 179.00		$ 207.50	
Reimbursements	7,431.74		922.67	
Dog Clinic	215.50		207.00	
County Tax		$33,788.56		$28,422.61

*Not available for use

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE
(INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL)

		MALES	FEMALES
I	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	2	3
II	Cancer & Other Tumors	19	28
III	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, etc	0	1
IV	Diseases of the Nervous Sytem & Sense Organs	28	40
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	69	64
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	8	11
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	4	9
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary Sytem	6	4
XI	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	0	1
XIV	Congenital Malformations	1	1
XV	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	6	8
XVI	Senility	0	0
XVII	Violent or Accidental Deaths	3	6

Deaths of all persons in Melrose.....Males.....146
(exclusive of stillbirths) Females....176
Total 322

There were 14 stillbirths in 1952 in Melrose

Deaths of all Melrose residents.....Males.....
(exclusive of stillbirths) Females....
Total

There were 6 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1952

Deaths of children under one year..... 6
Persons over sixty five years.....197

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths of Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1947	540	13	24.0
1948	497	8	16.1
1949	484	10	20.6
1950	487	11	22.5
1951	483	11	22.7
	5 year average		20.2
1952		6	

Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents.....
(Including 6 stillbirths)
Children born elsewhere to Melrose parents.....
(Including 1 stillbirth)
(Children born in Melrose to non-residents.....
(Including 8 stillbirths)
Total (Including stillbirths)

POPULATION JANUARY 1, 1952 - 28,313

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Apparent death rate per 1,000 pupulation	10.1	11.5	11.3	10.4	11.5	

TABLE IV

INFANT MORTALITY FOR MELROSE RESIDENTS
BY AGES

Class No.	Year 1952		Under 1 yr.	Under 1 mo.	Under 1 day	1-2 dys.	2-3 dys.	3 days to 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3 wks. to 1 mos.	1-2 mos.	2-3 mos.	3-6 mos.	6-9 mos.	9-12 mos.
			AGES													
76	Diseases of the Blood & Blood Forming Organs	M	1	1	1											
		F														
108	Diseases of the Respiratory System	M	1											1		
		F														
122	Diseases of the Digestive System	M														
		F	1	1		1										
157	Congenital Malformations (Stillbirths not included)	M	1											1		
		F	1	1							1					
159	Premature Births	M														
		F	1	1	1											
	Total		5	4	2	1					1			2		

TABLE V

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneumonia		Poliomyelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Meningeal		Tuberculosis Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1943	4	0	67	0	0	0	396	0	23	6	1	0	43	0	7	6	0	0	0	1
1944	1	0	99	0	1	0	251	0	25	7	2	0	6	0	10	5	0	0	1	0
1945	3	0	94	0	0	0	17	0	6	0	2	0	38	0	10	8	0	0	1	1
1946	1	0	23	0	0	0	231	0	12	2	0	0	39	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
1947	1	0	11	0	0	0	146	1	9	2	1	0	56	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
1948	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	1	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2
1949	0	0	19	0	0	0	414	0	1	0	25	2	33	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
1950	0	0	38	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	3	0	47	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
1951	1	0	12	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0
1952	1	0	15	0	0	0	608	0	1	0	5	1	9	0	5	3	0	0	1	0

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF NURSING

Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the public health nursing report for the year 1952:

Public Health is the science of prevention of disease; prolonging of life and promoting physical and mental health through organized community effort. Having the family and the community informed is essential in the control and the prevention of diseases. Every public health nurse is a health educator, trying to interest people in a way of healthful living and making it a daily pattern of their lives.

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES -

The school physicians gave 751 physical examinations and re-checked the health of 97 pupils. They were available for emergencies.

As a result of the vision testing the Lions Club provided twenty-six indigent pupils with glasses.

All public and parochial schools were inspected for sanitary and hygienic conditions by Dr. Oakley R. Jones and Miss Johanna P. M. Versteeg. Recommendations were made to the Superintendents of schools.

The school nurses report:

Schools visited	1077
Pupils interviewed	12845
Teachers "	4671
Classrooms visited	4085
Teacher-nurse conferences	12
Classes in Home Nursing	24
Audiometer tests	758
Audiometer re-tests	67
Pupils immunized	20
Pupils receiving booster doses	89
School-home visits	954
Child-health visits	202
Adult-health visits	61

The census of all physically and mentally handicapped children revealed a total of 61 cases on January 1, 1953. This compares to 68 on January 1, 1952.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL -

10 immunization clinics were held in the Aldermanic chamber.

42 infants received the triple-antigen series for the protection of diphtheria-pertussis and tetanus and 38 children received the booster dose.

Biologics and culture outfits offered by the State were distributed to the physicians.

Of the communicable diseases, tuberculosis was the chief cause of death. Reported cases are followed by the public health nurses. There were 87 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 case of other forms onour register January 1, 1952. There were 21 cases in the Sanatorium during 1952.

During 1952 there were:

6 newly diagnosed cases
3 cases died
5 moved out of the city
1 moved into the city

There were 85 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 2 cases of other forms on our register December 31, 1952.

210 visits were made to the 95 cases of tuberculand 213 visits made to the contacts of these cases.

Arrangements were made for X-rays for 18 suspects, 17 contacts and 5 patients during the first 10 months of 1952. During November and December weekly clinics have been held at the Melrose Hospital at which 1 patient, 1 contact, 2 suspects and 39 persons were X-rayed. This project at the Melrose Hospital is made possible through the sale of the tuberculosis seals.

THE DENTAL PROGRAM -

Two Hundred and fourteen pupils were treated at the Coolidge School Dental Clinic.

An educational program is carried out in stressing the importance of healthy teeth in maintaining good health; the need for periodic dental examinations and treatments, adequate diet and the advantage of topical applications of sodium fluorides to the children's teeth.

The 214 children were treated as follows:

1164 fillings
20 X-rays
128 extractions
24 root canals filled

1225 pupils in Grades 1-2 and 6-7 received 4,782 applications of sodium fluoride making a total of 62 grades.

85 children went to their own dentist, 27 pupils refused sodium fluoride treatments.

One meeting was held with the Dental Director, Dr. Ralph Diamond and the dental clinic personnel.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITES -

Inspection of day nurseries	5
" " boarding homes for children	10
" " " " " aged	5
" " nursing homes	5
" " lodging homes	6
Interviews with other health and social workers	36
Talks given re: functions of the Board of Health	4
Lectures given to Student Nurses at the Melrose Hospital	2
Meetings attended (including 3 day meeting of the Massachusetts Public Health Association at Amherst	31

I wish to thank the civic, social and health organizations for their financial and material aid received during the past year.

The Salvation Army
The Tuberculosis Association
The Red Cross
The Lions Club
The School Department
The Melrose Hospital

Respectfully submitted,
Johanna P.M. Versteeg
Johanna P.M. Versteeg
Supervisor of Nursing.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Inspector herewith submits his anual report from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952:

INSPECTION OF MILK

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants	29
Dairies within city limits	1
Ice Cream Plants	17

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	161
Grade "A" Milk	21
Homogenized Milk	136
Special Milk	5
Cream	103

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk and cream (found below standard, 4)	424
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream (found below standard, 22)	989
Coliform Count (found below standard, 68)	455
Bacteriological examination of mix and ice cream	21
Phosphatase test (positive test, 1)	444
Water analysis	19

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers' Declaration)

Pasteurized Milk	12,034 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	100 qts.
Cream	828 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Milk and Oleomargerine, stores and dealers	114
Pasteurizing Plants	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing Permits	3
Ice Cream Sales Permits	79

GEOMETRICAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1952

GRADE "A" MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	4.00	10,000
Happy Valley Dairy	4.30	2,000
Herlihy Bros.	4.20	1,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	4.15	710
Kiley Farm	4.25	2,000
Palmer, Harry	4.80	4,500
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.45	710
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.40	2,500
Spear, C. W.	4.40	1,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.43	4,000
Weiss Farm	5.40	1,000

MARKET AND HOMOGENIZED MILK

State Standard	3.35	40,000
Market:		
Brennan, Horace	3.91	3,000
Buttrick, David	4.16	2,000
Cummings, B. L., Inc	4.00	8,000
Deerfoot Farms Milk Co	3.70	5,500
Fallon, W. J. & Sons	4.00	2,000
First National Stores	3.83	2,000
Hanley & Sons	4.00	4,000
Happy Valley Dairy	3.86	7,000
Herlihy Bros., Inc	4.00	4,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.77	9,000
Howard Farms Dairy	3.80	1,500
Kiley Farm	3.72	4,000
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	3.80	4,000
Palmer, Harry	4.36	5,000
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.32	820
Quinn Farm Dairy	3.70	2,000
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.85	2,500
Spear, C. W.	3.90	4,500
Sunnyhurst Dairy Inc	3.80	5,000
Simmons, Charles L.	3.90	4,500
United Farmers of New England	3.96	4,000
Weiss Farm	3.92	530
Whiting Milk Co	3.70	4,500
Homogenized:		
Brennan, Horace	4.03	3,500
Buttrick, David	4.20	3,000
Cummings, B. L., Inc	3.90	7,000
Fallon, W. J. & Sons	3.98	5,000
First National Stores	3.92	3,000
Hanley & Sons	3.95	2,000
Happy Valley Dairy	3.58	9,000
Herlihy Bros	3.87	14,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.80	6,000
Howard Farms Dairy	3.80	1,000
Kiley Farm	3.88	39,000
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	3.85	3,000
Palmer, Harry	4.06	2,000
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.05	3,000
Quinn Farm Dairy	3.75	6,000
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.70	1,000
Simmons, Charles L.	3.95	9,000
Spear, C. W.	4.00	16,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.79	5,000
United Farmers of New England	3.77	2,000
Weiss Farm	3.76	630
Whiting Milk Co	3.71	4,500

INSPECTION OF FOOD

INSPECTIONS:

Common Victuallers	99
Stores-Lord's Day and Food	139
Stores-Drug	35
Bakeries	29
Written notices	27
Complaints received	90
Complaints investigated	104
Court cases	2
Animal permits granted	24
Animal permits inspected	52
Cesspool (temporary permits) granted	8
Cesspool permits refused	3
Ice Cream Manufacturing licenses granted	3
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Victuallers) and soda fountains	335
(found above 100 plate count.....99)	

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:

can goods	92 cans
meat	68½ lbs.
fish	8 lbs.
walnuts	20 lbs.
raisins	4 lbs.
pecans	10 lbs.
whole wheat flour	10 lbs.
ice cream	14 qts.
fruit and vegetables	32 lbs.
strawberry pies	9

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1952

COMMON VICTUALLERS' LICENSES

	Bacterial Count			Scoring
	Dishes	Glasses	Silverware	Grade
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	100	
Bea's Coffee Shop	17	28	44	90.4%
Brigham's Inc	31	2	26	97.5
Emerson Grille	15	17	32	91
Franklin Square Restaurant	380	420	230	74
Garvey Inc	44	54	6	88.2
Bellevue Golf Club	48	63	54	93.8
Golden Gate Restaurant	100	20	47	93
Hopkins	130	210	97	88.7
Melrose Hospital Coffee Shop	21	13	24	91.5
Kelley's Ice Cream	20	12	4	94.7
The Lobster Shop	17	38	59	87.3
Les's Lunch	22	23	42	95.5
Melrose Donut Shop	30	14	51	97.
Pine Banks Refreshment Stand	120	190	180	73.9
Pondview Restaurant	20	32	16	95.
Schopell's	17	49	100	84.8
Mt. Hood Golf Club	42	63	35	89.5
F. W. Woolworth's	7	70	16	89.5
Regent Delicatessen	11	25	26	86.8
Stearns & Hill	20	46	170	92.5

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1952

FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES

	Bacterial Count	
	Glasses	Silverware
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100
Berston Pharmacy.....	47	32
Haslam Pharmacy.....	5	1
Grove Pharmacy.....	Paper Serv.	70
Emerson Pharmacy.....	29	2
York Pharmacy.....	2	1
Brigham Pharmacy.....	100	19
Franklin Spa.....	Paper Serv.	33
Hill & Co.....	" "	0
Bells Pharmacy.....	" "	1
Austin Pharmacy.....	1	4
R. & M. Varjabedian.....	130	7
Milton's Pharmacy.....	40	2

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Devine

John J. Devine
Sanitary Inspector.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Fifty-four (54) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the City this year.

All barns housing horses were inspected and found to be in good condition with the exception of one stable and the owner was advised to improve the sanitation.

There are no cattle within the City this year.

Respectfully submitted
Cornelius Thibeault D.V.M.
Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.M.
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Building Department respectfully submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1952.

The building and plumbing permits issued during the year are classified below:

No.	Classification	Estimated Cost
101	Single dwellings	$ 792,500.00
2	Duplex dwellings	20,000.00
97	Reshingles	30,828.50
44	Alterations (Dwelling)	38,250.00
24	Alterations (Other)	45,200.00
28	Garages	23,795.00
12	Demolitions	--
2	Restoration of fire damage	1,700.00
1	Business building	11,500.00
1	Summer house	750.00
1	Funeral home and apartment	12,000.00
2	Tool houses	3,075.00
	Conversions:	
5	Single to 2-family dwelling	19,500.00
2	Two-family to 3-family dwelling	5,800.00
1	Two-family to 4-family dwelling	8,500.00
1	Barn to single dwelling	4,500.00
1	Store to 2-car garage	400.00
325	Building permits	$1,018,298.50

PLUMBING DIVISION:

106	Permits issued to do plumbing in new buildings	$ 86,805.00
279	Permits to replace plumbing in old buildings	75,723.00
72	Permits for the addition of plumbing in old buildings	23,006.00
7	Permits for the conversion of dwellings	2,400.00
5	Permits for new sewer connections in old buildings that require plumbing	375.00
469	Plumbing permits	$ 188,309.00

Number of plumbing fixtures installed	1,437
Number of visits of inspection	476
Number of water tests	130

In addition to the number of water tests and visits of inspections listed, there were several that are incomputable due to the fact that they were made on permits issued by the previous inspector.

On June 16, 1952, a new Plumbing Code was passed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor on June 18. This new code incorporated fees for permits. Of the 469 plumbing permits issued during the year, 258 were issued after the adoption of the new code, and fees collected for this number.

A total sum of $2,246.66 was received by the Building Department from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952 for building and plumbing permit fees, Board of Appeal applications, and code books.

325	Building permits	$1,538.50
258	Plumbing permits	466.50
138	Code books	41.66
20	Board of Appeal applications	200.00
	Total	$2,246.66

The Building Department inspected all houses on streets where the Public Works Department were to blast for the installation of sewer and water, submitting a total of 17 blasting inspection reports to said department.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Fillmore
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Cemetery Committee herewith submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The activities during the past year have consisted of the usual routine of services and maintenance and the continuation of the program of permanent improvements.

Upon completion of the new office building the road improvement program was given priority over other projects, and this work is progressing satisfactorily. The grading and base for the roads is done by the department, using hired equipment. Materials are purchased through the Public Works Department contracts and the laying of the surface is let out to a road building contractor following competitive bidding. This year we received an exceptionally low bid for this work and were able to complete more than we had planned for. We built approximately 5,000 linear feet of road of an average width of 14 feet, much of which was laid on 3 to 8 inches of gravel fill. The cost of the work was $1.21 per square yard.

The new water main was extended for a distance of 300 feet to its terminal at the garage. This leaves only the central section of about 300 feet to lay to complete the project.

During the year, six of the old lots were placed in perpetual care for which we received $835.00, and this money has been put into the Trust Fund.

We wish to extend our thanks to those departments who have co-operated with us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Wm J. McClintock
Curtiss D King
Joseph Casey

January 10, 1953 — The Cemetery Committee

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1952

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages		$35,808.50	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		4,800.00	
Holidays		838.96	
Repair & Construct Roads & Drains:			
Balance from 1951	$ 608.26		
Order 10026	6,000.00		
Order 10138	2,500.00	9,108.26	
Pond Filling & Draining: Balance from 1951		83.97	
Grave Liners		2,400.00	
Purchase of Filling & Loam (New Section), Order 10026		1,200.00	
New Water Pipe:			
Balance from 1951	$ 506.19		
Order 10026	800.00	1,306.19	
			$55,545.88

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$35,808.50	
Maintenance: Other Expenses	4,799.36	
Holidays	827.28	
Repair & Construct Roads & Drains	8,750.46	
Grave Liners	2,398.95	
Purchase of Filling & Loam (New Section), Order 10026	661.50	
New Water Pipe	789.47	
		54,035.52

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1952:			
Maintenance: Other Expenses	$ 0.64		
Holidays	11.68		
Grave Liners	1.05	$ 13.37	
To 1953:			
Repair & Construct Roads & Drains	$ 357.80		
Pond Filling & Draining	83.97		
Purchase of Filling & Loam (New Section)	538.50		
New Water Pipe	516.72	1,496.99	1,510.36

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1951	$11,117.84	
Income, 1952	7,678.15	$18,795.99
Pay rolls	$ 3,948.70	
Bills	1,623.40	5,572.10
Balance to 1953		$13,223.89

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:		
Appropriations and Transfers	$55,545.88	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	18,795.99	$74,341.87
Departmental Expenditures:		
From Appropriations and Transfers	$54,035.52	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	5,572.10	
Unexpended Balance:		
To Revenue of 1952	13.37	
To 1953: Appropriation Accounts $ 1,496.99		
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c. 13,223.89	14,720.88	$74,341.87
Total Net Cash Receipts	$24,998.75	
Credits, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	7,678.15	$32,676.90
Net Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	$43,854.09	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	5,572.10	49,406.19
Expenditures over Receipts		$16,729.29

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments			$ 4,467.00
Foundations			2,163.05
Lot Sales		$ 4,400.00	
	Less Refunds	180.00	4,220.00
Grave Sales		$ 3,405.00	
	Less Refunds	90.00	3,315.00
Perpetual Care:			
Department	$6,801.00		
Collector	52.50	$ 6,853.50	
	Less Refunds	180.00	6,673.50
Annual Care			493.20
Miscellaneous			1,043.00
Grave Liners			2,624.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1952			$24,998.75

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1952:

Interments:

Adults	206
Children, 12 years or under	12
Cremated remains	14
Total for 1952	232

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	31
Total number sold to January 1, 1953	2,565

Sale of Graves:

Sold during the year	85
Total number sold to January 1, 1953	4,457
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,856
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	2,920
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1953, Regular, Section D, H and 2	111
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1953, in Section 4	43
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	6

Respectfully submitted,

Howard O. Milton.

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1952.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library as custodian together with all securities, coupons and savings accounts in Savings Banks and Trust Companies. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan

City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed valuation of the City January 1, 1952 was:		
Real Estate		$41,476,750.00
Personal Property		3,219,150.00
		44,695,900.00
Increase in valuation from January 1, 1951		995,600.00
Number of dwellings January 1, 1952		6,409
Number of Polls January 1, 1952		9,021
Population January 1, 1952		28,313
Rate of Taxation for each $1,000.00 of valuation January 1, 1952		53.80
APPROPRIATIONS:		
City Budget	$2,980,781.95	
Revenue Orders	98,404.87	3,079,186.82
County Tax	119,616.70	
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	33,788.56	
Metropolitan Park Tax	37,050.45	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	54,215.99	
Metropolitan Water Tax	24,987.16	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	1,952.48	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	834.70	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	617.47	273,063.51
Overlays for Abatements 1950	308.15	
Overlays for Abatements 1951	1,753.23	
Overlays for Abatements 1953	35,450.43	37,511.81
State and County Underestimated 1951		19,185.44
		3,408,947.58
Less:		
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Taxes	165,554.93	
Corporation Taxes	103,386.15	
Old Age Assistance (Meal) Tax	6,585.45	
City Accounts	699,279.22	
	974,805.75	
State Overestimates 1951	11,460.41	986,266.16
Net amount to be raised by taxation		2,422,681.42
To be raised as follows:		
9021 Polls at $2.00 each	18,042.00	
Personal Property Taxes - Valuation $3,219,150.00 at $53.80 per $1000.00	173,190.27	
Real Estate Taxes - Valuation $41,476,750.00 at $53.80 per $1,000.00	2,231,449.15	2,422,681.42

SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

-None-

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1952

Revenue Accounts

ASSETS

Cash		
Revenue Cash		$457,943.43
Special Deposit: Sale of Lots and Graves		5,922.14
Petty Cash Advances		515.00
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes:		
1950 Poll	$ 2.00	
1950 Personal	8.40	
1951 Poll	478.00	
1951 Personal	423.20	
1951 Real Estate	656.80	
1952 Poll	356.00	
1952 Personal	2,527.81	
1952 Real Estate	51,079.06	55,531.27
Estates of Deceased Persons		89.38
1950 Motor Vehicle Excise	182.03	
1951 " " "	1,281.01	
1952 " " "	20,362.50	21,825.54
Special Assessments:		
1952 Sewer, Sidewalk and Street	1,141.12	
1952 Committed Interest	323.89	1,465.01
Water Rates		27,116.41
Tax Titles	360.43	
Tax Title Possessions	19,226.04	19,586.47
Departmental		22,689.80
Forward		612,684.45

LIABILITIES

Reserve for Cash Advances		$ 515.00
Tailings		8,446.00
Revenue Reserved:		
Estates of Deceased Persons	$ 89.38	
Motor Vehicle Taxes	21,825.54	
Tax Titles and Tax Title Possessions	19,586.47	
Special Assessments	1,141.12	
Committed Interest	323.89	
Departmental	22,689.80	
Water	27,116.41	92,772.61
Tax Title Possessions Fund		8,292.20
Sale of City Property		1,280.00
County Dog Tax		43.20
Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		5,922.14
1952 Overestimates - State and County		
County Tax	17,370.28	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	4,261.98	
Metropolitan Water Tax	46.44	
Smoke Inspection Tax	78.11	21,756.81
Trust Funds - Income (In City Cash)		15,552.51
Receipts Reserved:		
Mt. Hood Memorial Park	48,641.95	
Old Age Recovery	1,756.27	
Library - Fines	2,634.92	
Library - Duplicate Fund	60.31	
Parking Meters	12,898.27	
Public Works - Sale of Compressor	211.25	66,202.97
Forward		220,783.44

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1952 (Continued)

Revenue Accounts

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Forward		$612,684.45	Forward		$220,783.44
Overlays for Abatement of Taxes		3,644.67	Guarantee Deposits:		
1952 Underestimates - County and State			Private Sewers	$ 2,125.00	
Charles River Basin Tax	13.71		Spray Trees	37.00	
Metropolitan Park Tax	1,564.36		Individual Walks	240.00	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	234.94		Water Inside Services	811.00	
			Highway Repairing	60.00	
		1,813.01	Tax Title Possessions	60.00	3,333.00
			Unexpended Balances - Appropriations		99,414.01
			Surplus Revenue	292,992.22	
			Excess and Deficiency	1,619.46	294,611.68
		618,142.13			618,142.13

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1952 (Con'd)

ASSETS			LIABILITIES	
Deferred Assessments				
Sewer Assessments due 1953-1971	$124,658.79			
Sidewalk Assessments due 1953-1961	13,854.16			
Street Assessments due 1953-1962	23,555.34	$162,068.29	Apportioned Assessments - Not Due	$162,068.29
TRUST FUNDS				
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund (Mem. Bldg.)	10,000.00			
A. C. Marie Currier Fund (Welfare)	24,173.39			
Andrew J. Burnett Mem. Fund (Welfare)	2,000.00			
George Emerson Fund (Welfare)	7,244.41			
Community Civics Fund (School	50.00			
Levi S. Gould (School)	1,000.00			
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund (School)	100.00			
Sarah E. Fitch Fund (School)	413.13			
Margaret B. Wing Memorial Award Fund (School)	234.91			
Statler Scholarship Fund (School)	13,023.90			
William E. Bailey Fund (Library)	2,500.00			
William E. Barrett Fund (Library)	75.00			
Horatio W. Perkins Fund (Library)	500.00			
Sarah A. Chever Fund (Library)	696.53			
Jabez Dyer Fund (Library)	1,224.92			
Sarah E. Odlin Fund (Library)	2,448.86			
Stephen C. Deering Fund (Library)	446.22			
Sarah A. Chever Fund (Park)	1,500.00			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund (Cemetery)	267,367.61			
Samuel McDaniels Fund (Cemetery)	100.00			
Cemetery Flower Fund (Cemetery)	2,719.25		Investments:	
Stabilization Fund	171,308.56		Securities	271,671.00
Celebration of the 200th Anniversary	52.83		Deposited in Banks	238,048.52 509,719.52
TRUST FUNDS - INCOME ACCTS.				
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund (Mem. Bldg.)	3,488.42			
A. C. Marie Currier Fund (Welfare)	84.36			
Statler Scholarship Fund (School)	384.54			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund (Cemetery)	720.50	4,677.82	Deposited in Savings Banks	4,677.82
		676,465.63		676,465.63

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts				Payments		
	Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total		Expenses	Outlays	Total
GENERAL REVENUE				DEPARTMENTAL			
TAXES				GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Current Year				Legislative			
Property	$ 2,316,140.25			Aldermen			
Poll	14,088.00			Salaries and Wages	$1,892.25		
				Other Expenses	2,870.60		
Previous Years							
Property	54,785.06						
Poll	48.00						
Tax Title Redemptions	2,461.03			Executive			
From the State				Mayor			
Corporation and Public Service Franchise	206,231.74			Salaries and Wages	5,950.00		
Income	205,914.92			Other Expenses	500.00		
Total Taxes	2,799,669.00		2,799,669.00				
LICENSES AND PERMITS							
Licenses				Financial			
City Clerk-Garage	1,731.00			Auditor			
" " -Miscellaneous	592.00			Salaries and Wages	11,213.70		
Mayor	120.00			Other Expenses	901.18		
Health	179.00			State-Audit City Accounts	2,187.42		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.00			" - " Retirement System	834.70		
Bureau of Standards - State	50.00			Out-of-State Travel	31.55		
Permits				Treasurer - Collector			
City Clerk-Marriage	606.00			Salaries and Wages	17,370.35		
Police	105.00			Other Expenses	5,670.35		
Fire	29.00			Land Court Procedure	3.06		
Building and Plumbing	1,978.00			Certification of Bonds	435.58		
Total Licenses and Permits	5,400.00		5,400.00	Tax Proportion Statements	66.00		
FINES AND FORFEITS							
Court-County	845.40						
Departmental Penalties	10.00						
Total - Fines and Forfeits	855.40		855.40				

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts		
	Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total
GRANTS AND GIFTS			
Grants from Federal Government			
For Expenses			
Old Age Assistance	$175,915.86		
Aid to Dependent Children	12,146.62		
Disability Assistance	4,950.54		
Vocational Education	151.85		
Nursery Schools and School lunches	12,847.97		
Grants from Other Civil Disivions			
State-Vocational Education	3,835.24		
Construction School Buildings	17,122.76		
State-Armories	900.00		
State-Meal Tax for Old Age Assistance	16,136.82		
County-Dog Licenses	2,511.18		
Total - Grants and Gifts	246,518.84		$246,518.84
ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE			
County-Care of Dogs	326.00		
Total - All Other General Revenue	326.00		326.00
COMMERCIAL REVENUE			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			
Sewer	27,615.24		
Sidewalks and Curbing	3,617.48		
Street	9,684.13		
Total - Special Assessments	40,916.85		40,916.85
PRIVILEGES			
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	196,794.93		
Parking - Fees	11,030.85		
Total - Privileges	207,825.78		207,825.78

	Payments		
	Expenses	Outlays	Total
Assessors			
Salaries and Wages	$11,944.05		
Other Expenses	2,745.74		
Out-of-State Travel	200.00		
Other General Departments			
City Solicitor			
Salaries and Wages	3,745.00		
Other Expenses	1,262.07		
Suits & Claims, Expenses	136.31		
City Clerk			
Salaries and Wages	12,477.15		
Other Expenses	853.59		
Out-of-State Travel	324.64		
Public Works			
Salaries and Wages	22,042.20		
Sick Leave	8,145.50		
Vacations	12,153.15		
City Yard, Salaries and Wages	2,137.26		
Holidays	6,788.06		
Other Expenses	230.31		
City Yard Improvements		4,380.26	
New Equipment		27,988.37	
Snow Blower		845.24	
Duplicating Machine		749.54	
Engineering			
Salaries and Wages	10,262.05		
Other Expenses	1,353.57		
Election and Registration			
Salaries and Wages	10,137.40		
Other Expenses	6,396.19		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays	Total
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Financial			
Aldermen	$ 3.15		
Mayor	1.55		
Treasurer-Collector			
Costs	838.60		
Mortgage Certificates	1.00		
Municipal Liens Certificates	805.00		
Cost of Deeds - Tax Titles	18.00		
City Clerk			
Mortgages	2,624.69		
Miscellaneous	515.30		
Fees	490.95		
Public Works	782.83		
Building	41.66		
Election and Registration	415.50		
Planning Board	30.00		
Board of Appeal	190.00		
Property Valuation Board			
Record Deeds	60.05		
City Hall - Rental	10.00		
Total - General Government	6,828.28		6,828.28
Police Department			
Use of Ambulance	527.00		
Recovery for Damage to Cruiser	48.90		

	Expenses	Payments Outlays	Total
Personnel Board			
Salaries and Wages	$ 1,189.30		
Other Expenses	843.13		
Dev. Job Description,etc.	1,747.50		
Other Departments			
Planning Board - Other Expenses	23.25		
Property Valuation Board-Other Exp.	186.51		
Board of Appeal			
Salaries and Wages	250.00		
Other Expenses	103.25		
Municipal Buildings			
City Hall - Salaries and Wages	5,567.20		
Other Expenses	10,087.21		
New Lighting	332.82		
Total-General Government	183,591.15	33,963.41	217,554.56
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
Police Department			
Salaries-Officers & Patrolmen	158,580.81		
-Women-School Traffic Supervisors	5,812.90		
-Mechanician	400.00		
Equipment			
Equipment and Repairs	6,485.42		
Finger Printing	576.37		
Motor Vehicle Insurance	339.72		
Two-Way Radio	499.89		
Police Signal Maintenance	1,454.22		
Women-School Traffic Supervisors	764.69		
Uniforms	1,422.80	548.67	
Gas Tank		2,065.13	
Cruiser			

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts			Payments	
	Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total	Expenses	Outlays	Total
				Maintenance of Building	$6,409.93		
				Drain and Resurface Driveway	284.11		
				Other Expenses	2,972.05		
				Teletype Maintenance	529.76		
				Out-of-State Travel	83.60		
				Attend Training School	200.00		
Fire Department				Fire Department			
Miscellaneous	$ 69.75			Salaries and Wages			
Property damage recovery	131.14			Officers, Privates & Mechanician	181, 209.66		
				Equipment			
				Equipment and Repairs	4,480.56		
				New Hose	1,735.00		
				Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,627.65		
				Repaint Engine	300.00		
				Resuscitator-Inhalator		560.34	
				Hydrant Service	10,560.00		
				Fuel and Light	3,698.43		
				Maintenance of Buildings	1,977.89		
				Other Expenses	3,432.60		
				Out-of-State Travel	11.00		
Inspection				Militia			
Sealing of Weights and Measures Fees	334.40			Rifle Range	292.75		
				Building Department			
				Salaries and Wages	9,134.65		
				Other Expenses	1,589.34		
				Equipment and Supplies	207.76		
				Sealing of Weights and Measures			
				Salaries and Wages	1,875.00		
				Other Expenses	263.95		
Forestry				Forestry			
Insect Pest Extermination	56.63			Care of Trees, etc.	18,582.95		
Civil Defense - Miscellaneous	9.00			Dog Officer			
				Salaries and Wages	600.00		
				Other Expenses	485.32		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays	Total		Payments: Expenses	Outlays	Total
				Wire Department			
				Salaries and Wages	$10,940.85		
				Other Expenses	140.90		
				New Car		1,538.09	
				Civil Defense - Expense	6,500.10	798.13	
Total - Protection of Persons and Property	1,176.82		1,176.82	Total - Protection of Persons and Property	447,462.63	5,510.36	452,972.99
				HEALTH AND SANITATION			
				Health			
Health				General Administration-Salaries	5,840.90		
Quarantine and Contagious Hospitals	100.00			Quarantine & Contagious Hospitals	630.10		
Tuberculosis, including Subsidies from State	6,678.96			Tuberculosis	9,323.99		
Miscellaneous	118.50			Maintenance County Tuberculosis Hospital	33,788.56		
Immunization of Dogs	215.50			Vital Statistics (City Clerk)	955.93		
Inspection-				Other Expenses	1,774.42		
Dental Clinic-Transportation	260.00			Pub. Health & School Nursing	8,998.73		
				Smoke Inspection Tax (State)	539.36		
				Immunization of Dogs	300.01		
				Care of Premature Infants	876.00		
				Inspection			
				School Children			
				Administration Expense Dental Clinic	782.61		
				Sal. & Wages-Dental Clinic	4,611.00		
				Transportation " "	569.00		
				Physicians-Salaries	1,302.54		
				Animals	675.00		
				Sanitary Inspector - Salary	3,462.50		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

Revenue for	Receipts Offsets to	Total		Payments Expenses	Outlays	Total
Sanitation			Sanitation			
Private Sewers	$1,200.02		Sewer Maintenance	$8,432.75		
Sale of Garbage $7,781.41			Sewer Connections	6,375.76		
			Surface Drainage Maintenance	13,175.68		
			Private Sewers		$13,702.01	
			Metropolitan Sewer Maintnce.(State)	39,587.12		
			Sewer Construction		48,914.81	
			Northeast Trunk Sewer Constr.		19,897.11	
			Refuse, Garbage, Collection & Disposal			
			Care & Disposal Stray Animals (Health)	456.50		
			Collection of Ashes	42,256.78		
			Collection of Garbage	33,005.69		
			Street Cleaning	13,580.41		
Total Health and Sanitation 15,154.37	1,200.02	16,354.39	Total Health and Sanitation	231,301.34	82,513.93	313,815.27
			HIGHWAYS			
General Repairing 463.34			General Highway Expenditures, Automotive Salaries & Wages & Automotive Other Expense	41,545.07		
Maintenance - Chapter 90 (State)	15,498.03		Construction General		81,511.67	
Maintenance - " 90 (County)	7,749.03		Construction Chap.90(State & County)		31,833.02	
Individual Walks	899.39		Sidewalk Repairs	12,672.35		
Sale of Truck Bodies 550.00			Individual Walks		8,791.67	
Sale of Compressor and Truck 211.25			Continuous Walks		17,948.24	
			Snow and Ice Removal	46,534.74		
			Street Lighting	37,944.11		
			Signs,GuideBoards,Street Numbering	5,491.83		
			Traffic Guides and Beacons	2,634.67		
			Traffic Survey Expenses	36.72		
			Parking Area Maintenance	490.67		
			Parking Development		1,650.00	
			Dills Court Parking Area		78.44	

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays	Total		Payments Expenses	Outlays	Total
				Parking Meter Maintenance			
				Treasurer - Collector	84.38		
				Police	6,800.87		
				Public Works	366.75		
Total Highways	$ 1,224.59	$24,146.45	$25,371.04	Total Highways	$154,602.16	$141,813.04	$296,415.20
				WELFARE			
				General Administration	21,063.58		
Reimbursement for Relief				General Relief	20,047.76		
From Individuals	1,932.93			Relief Reimbursed to Cities & Towns	7,824.67		
From Cities and Towns	6,919.47			City Physician - Salary	242.50		
From State	10,522.60			- Other Espenses	37.08		
Reimbursement for Aid to				Aid to Dependent Children			
Dependent Children				Relief by City	26,819.48		
From State	9,828.91			Old Age Assistance-			
Reimbursement for Old Age Assistance				Relief by City	418,696.34		
From Cities and Towns	10,502.03			Reimbursed to Cities and Towns	14,321.91		
From State	181,726.95			Out-of-State Travel	65.92		
				Disability Assistance	19,611.03		
Total - Welfare	221,432.89		221,432.89	Total - Welfare	528,730.27		528,730.27
				VETERANS SERVICES			
				Salaries and Wages	6,300.40		
Reimbursement for Relief				Expenses, Travel, etc.	944.10		
From Individuals	8.97			Armed Forces Records	30.00		
From State	10,393.78			Veterans - Burials	317.51		
Veterans Burials	158.75			- Benefits	29,853.89		
Total - Veterans' Services	10,561.50		10,561.50	Total - Veterans'Services	37,445.90		37,445.90

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays	Total		Payments Expenses	Outlays	Total
				SCHOOLS			
Tuition	$8,198.38			General Expenses			
Miscellaneous				Administrative Salaries -			
General	556.67			Superintendent	$ 8,383.33		
Rental of School Halls	352.00			Other General Salaries -Clerical	12,297.18		
School Lunches				Supt. of Maintenance	4,474.85		
(Includes Federal Grant)	45,697.91			Other General Expenses	16,090.27		
School Athletics	6,325.56			Out-of-State Travel	103.50		
Vocational Education				Salaries -			
Registration Fees	445.92			Teachers - Regular	773,496.92		
				Vocational Education Budget	4,415.00		
				Sec'y to Principal-High School	2,724.09		
				Textbooks and Supplies			
				Regular	47,920.85		
				Adult Education	696.66		
				Janitors Services	59,843.93		
				Plant Maintenance	124,178.87		
				Coolidge School Roof	7,392.00		
				High School Grading	5,194.53		
				Roosevelt Sch.Addition-			
				Architects Fees		$12,479.00	
				Soil Test Borings		145.23	
				Horace Mann Equipment		474.81	
				School Athletics	15,811.11		
				School Lunches	57,413.56		
Total - Schools	61,576.44		61,576.44	Total Schools	1,140,436.65	13,099.04	$1,153,535.69

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts				Payments		
	Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total		Expenses	Outlays	Total
				LIBRARIES			
Fines	$2,363.12			Salaries and Wages	$35,084.89		
Miscellaneous	123.00			Books, Periodicals	8,198.38		
				Binding	1,196.69		
				Fuel and Light	1,265.19		
				Other Expenses	2,253.52		
				Buildings	8,284.53		
Total - Libraries	2,486.12		2,486.12	Total Libraries	56,283.20		56,283.20
				RECREATION			
Parks and Gardens	83.81			General Administration-Sal.&Wgs.	10,771.15		
Golf Course	26,952.94			Other Expenses-General	975.17		
				" " Out-of-State Travel	277.04		
				New Equipment		727.91	
				Parks and Gardens			
				Salaries and Wages - Park	30,826.07		
				" " -Pine Banks	5,465.12		
				Holidays and Vacations	2,789.37		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

Receipts				Payments		
Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total		Expenses	Outlays	Total
			Other Expenses - Park General	$ 6,413.28		
			Pine Banks	3,040.50		
			Metropolitan Park-Maintenance(State)	38,389.08		
			Golf Courses			
			Salaries and Wages - Maintenance	12,972.13		
			Recreation Building	3,409.03		
			Other Expenses - Maintenance	4,280.96		
			Recreation Building	2,193.49		
			Tar Roads	952.88		
			Playgrounds			
			Salaries and Wages-Athletic Field	3,252.00		
			Jr. Fish & Game Club	300.00		
			Winter Sports and Ski Tow	669.04		
			Pine Banks Park	280.00		
			Other Expenses - Athletic Field	3,773.78		
			Winter Sports and Ski Tow	398.99		
			Paint Flagpoles	150.00		
			Jr. Fish & Game Club	99.86		
			Gravel Fill-Hockey Rink	143.00		
			Conant Rd.Survey Lot Lines	225.00		
			Improvements & Additions:			
			Ell Pond		5,038.84	
			Pine Banks - New Toilets		2,201.33	
			" " Fill & Drain, Sylvan & Main		485.04	
			Lincoln - Backstop		347.00	
			Playground & Beach Improvements		154.17	
			Conant Road Playground Improvement		2,037.58	
			Storage Building - Athletic Field		3,416.01	
			Celebrations and Entertainments:			
			Fourth of July,Hallowe'en, etc.(Park)	847.00		
			Christmas Lighting - City Hall	485.00		
			Memorial Bldg.	200.00		
			Special Street	500.00		
			Draftees Recognition	481.85		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts			Payments		
	Revenue for Expenses	Offsets to Outlays	Total	Expenses	Outlays	Total
			Armistice Day - Legion	$73.50		
Total - Recreation	27,036.75		27,036.75 Total - Recreation	134,634.29	14,407.88	149,042.17
			PENSIONS			
			Police	19,209.88		
			Fire	21,989.38		
			Public Works	17,363.22		
			Health	1,800.00		
			School	5,308.00		
			Park	1,206.83		
			Cemetery	2,103.66		
			Appropriation Paid to Contributory Retirement Fund	26,673.43		
			Total - Pensions	95,654.40		95,654.40
			UNCLASSIFIED			
Sale of Real Estate Tax Title Possessions		3,485.00	Damages to Persons and Property Claims	708.11		
			Indemnify Police Officers	487.63		
Rent of Property not used for Municipal Purposes-Memorial Bldg.	2,708.55		Memorial Day			
			Sons of Civil War Veterans	398.15		
			American Legion	247.17		
			Veterans of Foreign Wars	200.00		
			Disabled American Veterans	60.00		
			Marine Corps League	40.75		
			Print City Report	378.12		
			Memorial Building			
			Salaries and Wages	5,483.80		
			Other Expenses	7,130.65		

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MELROSE, MASS.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays			Payments: Expenses	Payments: Outlays	Total
				Rental of Quarters-Veterans Organizations			
				American Legion	$ 1,000.00		
				Veterans of Foreign Wars	700.00		
				Disabled American Veterans	536.04		
				Amvets	400.00		
				Marine Corps League	384.85		
				Insurance - Fire and Boiler	15,882.66		
				Portraits- Board of Aldermen	100.00		
Total - Unclassified	$2,708.55	$3,485.00	$6,193.55	Total - Unclassified	34,137.93		$ 34,137.93
				PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES			
Water				Water			
Water Rates	115,506.39			Maintenance and Operation	48,124.43		
Hydrant Rentals	10,560.00			Water Rates-Saugus and Malden	316.63		
On and Off for Repairs	22.00			New Meters		3,962.19	
Inside Services		1,727.56		Construction		61,783.29	
Metropolitan Water Loan Tax Refund	1.28			Inside Services		7,465.96	
Total - Public Service Enterprises	126,089.67	1,727.56	127,817.23	Total - Public Service Enterprises	48,441.06	73,211.44	121,652.50
				CEMETERY			
Sale of Lots and Graves	7,535.00			Maintenance			
Care of Lots and Graves-Annual	493.20			Salaries and Wages	35,808.50		
Care of Endowed Lots, Including Flowers	7,756.73			Other Expenses	4,799.36		
Miscellaneous Receipts	10,297.05			From Perpetual Care Fund Income Account	5,572.10		
Transfers from Sale of Lots and Graves Fund		10,500.00		Holidays	827.28		
				Grave Liners	2,398.95		
				Flower Fund	69.00		
				Fill and Loam	661.50		
				Roads, Drains and Water Pipes		9,539.93	
				Sale of Lots and Graves - Paid to Savings Account	7,535.00		
Total - Cemetery	26,081.98	10,500.00	36,581.98	Total - Cemetery	57,671.69	9,539.93	67,211.62

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

Revenue for Expenses	Receipts Offsets to Outlays	Total		Payments Expenses	Outlays	Total
			ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS			
			Retirement Board			
			Paid to Retirement System for Administration & Expenses	$1,400.00		
			Total-Administration of Trust Funds	1,400.00		$1,400.00
Revenue	Indebtedness	Total		Expenses	Indebtedness	Total
			MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS			
Anticipation Revenue Loans	$1,000,000.00		Anticipation Revenue Loans		$1,000,000.00	
			Metropolitan Debt Requirements(State)			
			Sewer	7,762.19		
			Park (Incl.Charles River Basin)	130.87		
			Water	24,940.72		
Total - Municipal Indebtedness	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	Total - Municipal Indebtedness	32,833.78	1,000,000.00	1,032,833.78
			INTEREST			
On Deferred Taxes	1,439.16		Anticipation Revenue Loans	5,197.93		
On Deferred Special Assessments	3,572.99		Metropolitan Requirements (State)			
On Public Trust Funds			Sewer	2,604.70		
Welfare			Park (Incl. Charles River Basin)	108.57		
Currier Fund	800.00					
Burnett Fund	60.00					
School						
Gould Fund	30.00					
Hesseltine Fund	3.00					
Community Civics Fund	1.50					

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts				Payments		
	Revenue for Expenses	Indebtedness	Total		Expenses	Indebtedness	Total
Library							
Bailey Fund	75.00						
Barrett Fund	2.26						
Perkins Fund	15.00						
Park							
Chever Fund	45.00						
Tax Title Redemptions	291.86						
Motor Vehicle Excise	94.30						
Total - Interest	6,430.07		6,430.07	Total-Interest	7,911.20		7,911.20

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

	Non-Revenue and Temporary Accts.	Total		From Revenue	From Non-Revenue and Temporary Accts	Total
Agency			Agency			
Dog Licenses for County	3,449.80		County Tax		102,246.42	
			Dog Licenses for County		3,446.80	
			Stabilization Fund (Paid to Savings Account)		40,204.28	
Trust			Trust			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	6,673.50		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (Paid to Savings Account)		6,673.50	
Other Public Trust Funds			Other Public Trust Funds			
Library - Duplicate Fund	512.97		Welfare - Currier Fund		805.23	
Private Trust Funds and Accounts			School - Gould Fund		22.72	
Federal Withholding Taxes	223,573.75		Library - Duplicate Fund		587.28	
Tailings	4,304.64		Perkins Fund		50.00	
Old Age Recovery	4,789.14					
Private Sewer - Deposits	12,580.86					
Individual Walks - Deposits	5,869.39					
Water Inside Service - Deposits	7,024.44					
Forestry-Care of Trees - Deposits	37.00					

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - 1952

	Receipts				Payments		
	Revenue for Expenses	Non-Revenue and Temporary Accts.	Total		From Revenue	From Non-Revenue and Temporary Accts.	Total
				Private Trust Funds and Accts.			
				Federal Withholding Tax		$ 223,573.75	
				Guaranty Deposits		1,000.00	
Total - Agency, Trust & Investment		$ 268,815.49	$268,815.49	Total - Agency, Trust & Investment		378,609.98	$378,609.98
Total - Net Receipts 1952	3,810,299.90	1,309,874.52	5,120,174.42	Total - Net Payments 1952	3,192,537.65	1,752,669.01	4945,206.66
		Temporary Accts. and Cash Balances			Expenses	Outlays	
				REFUNDS			
Receipts applied to obtain net payments		8,683.02		Payments applied to obtain net receipts		17,446.05	
Payments applied to obtain net receipts		17,446.05		Receipts applied to obtain net payments		8,683.02	
Total - Refunds		26,129.07	26,129.07	Total - Refunds		26,129.07	26,129.07
Total - Gross Receipts 1952	3,810,299.90	1,336,003.59	5,146,303.49	Total - Gross Payments 1952	3,192,537.65	1,778,798.08	4,971,335.73
				BALANCES			
General		263,031.24		General		415,204.96	
Perpetual Care Funds		11,149.57		Investment Fund (Stabilization)		15,255.11	
Other Public Trust Funds		2,133.50		Perpetual Care Funds		13,265.20	
Private Trust Funds and Accounts		6,661.36		Other Public Trust Funds		2,439.16	
				Private Trust Funds and Accounts		11,779.00	
Total Cash, beginning year of 1952		282,975.67	282,975.67	Total Cash, End of Year 1952		457,943.43	457,943.43
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	3,810,299.90	1,618,979.26	5,429,279.16	GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND	3,192,537.65	2,236,741.51	5,429,279.16

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Debits			Credits		
To Revenue 1952			Receipts from State	$449,242.76	
Certified by State for Tax Levy	$292,649.29		Collected by City Departments	682,483.56	$1,131,726.32
Estimated City Receipts for Tax Levy	635,156.46	$ 927,805.75	Old Age Recovery Adjustments		1,712.60
Refunds		78.20			
Balance to Revenue 1952		205,554.97			
Total Debits		1,133,438.92	Total Credits		1,133,438.92

REVENUE 1952

Debits			Credits		
Orders passed by Board of Aldermen			From Estimated Receipts:		
To be included in 1952 Tax Levy		132,193.43	State Estimates	292,649.29	
			City Estimates	635,156.46	927,805.75
City Budget		3,003,781.95	To be raised by:		
State Taxes		119,658.25	Taxes - Poll	18,114.00	
County Taxes		119,616.70	Personal	173,190.27	
Overlays for Abatements		37,511.81	Real Estate	2,231,449.15	2,422,753.42
State and County Underestimates in 1951		19,185.44	State and County Overestimates 1951		11,460.41
Balance to Excess and Deficiency - Closing		279,999.09	Closing Transfers		
			Balances in Appropriation Accounts	74,372.12	
			Balance in Estimated Receipts	205,554.97	279,927.09
			Transfer from Excess and Deficiency		47,000.00
			Amend Budget (Board of Aldermen Order)		23,000.00
Total Debits		3,711,946.67	Total Credits		3,711,946.67

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Debits			Credits		
Tax Titles - Taken and Added	345.00		Balance from 1951		122,025.27
Transfer Orders			Tax Title Redemptions	2,461.03	
To Funds and Accounts	64,566.23		Transfer from Charles River Basin Park Tax	23.44	
To Revenue 1952	47,000.00		Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons	402.58	
Adjusting Transfers	8.55	111,919.78	Balance from Revenue 1952 - Closing	279,999.09	
Balance to 1953		292,992.22	Adjust 1951 Cash	.59	282,886.73
Total Debits		404,912.00	Total Credits		404,912.00

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1953.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1952 follows:-

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	$ 147.75
For recording and indexing dog licenses	343.20
For recording marriage certificates	606.00
For licenses to keep and store gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of such licenses	1,731.00
For miscellaneous licenses	621.00
For copies of records, etc.	515.30
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	2,624.69
Total Receipts	$6,588.94
Less refunds	29.00
Total net receipts paid into City Treasury	$6,559.94

The sum of $3,801.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 863 male dogs at $2.00 each	$1,726.00
*For 103 female dogs at $5.00 each	510.00
*For 746 spayed female dogs at $2.00 each	1,490.00
For 4 kennel licenses at $10.00 each	40.00
For 1 kennel license at $25.00 each	25.00
Total received for dog licenses	$3,801.00

*One female dog license and one spayed female dog license were issued without charge for seeing-eye dogs.

In addition to the above, 81 licenses were issued without charge for dogs owned by persons serving in the armed forces.

Of the above amount, $3,557.80 was paid to the County of Middlesex, and $343.20, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

The sum of $1,931.00 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 309 at $3.25 each	$1,004.25
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 112 at $3.25 each	364.00
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 72 at $5.25 each	378.00
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing licenses, 46 at $1.25 each	57.50
Resident Citizen Female Fishing licenses, 46 at $2.25 each	103.50
Resident Citizen Trapping licenses, 1 at $5.25 each	5.25
Special Non-Resident Fishing licenses, 1 at $2.75 each ..	2.75
Non-Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 1 at $7.75 each ..	7.75
Duplicate licenses, 4 at $.50 each	2.00
Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting licenses, 3 at $2.00 each	6.00
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses, 44 (free)..	00.00
Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting licenses, 20 (free)	00.00
Total	$1,931.00

Of the above amount, $1,783.25 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and the balance of $147.75, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose Parents	283
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents	196
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents	658
Total number of births recorded	1,137

Marriages Recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose	59
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state .	18
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state	1
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	82
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state	134
One party resident and solemnized out of state	14
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose	19
Total number of marriages recorded	327

Deaths Recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	225
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	77
Non-residents occurring in Melrose	105
Non-residents occurring elsewhere and buried in Melrose .	4
Total number of deaths recorded	411

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City Hall
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

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CITY TREASURER

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR OF 1952

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1952	$ 282,976.17
Receipts, January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952	5,146,303.49
	$5,429,279.66

Payments January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952	$4,971,335.73
Balance Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1952	457,943.93
	$5,429,279.66

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by order Nos. 9829, 9829A	$1,000,000.00
Notes paid during 1952	1,000,000.00
Balance due in 1953	000.00
Rate of discount	.85%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1952	$2,430.46	
Added during 1952	389.50	$2,819.96
Redemptions	$2,461.03	
Balance December 31, 1952	358.93	$2,819.96

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER

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CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Cash	Securities	Total
In fund January 1, 1952	$22,773.08	$238,499.00	$261,272.08
In fund December 31, 1952	33,868.61	233,499.00	267,367.61

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

City of Melrose, Collections		$ 6,673.50	
Securities sold:			
Boston Terminal Co.		8,000.00	
Atlantic Coast Line Ry.		3,000.00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1952			
Savings Banks	$21,000.00		
Melrose Trust Co.	1,773.08	22,773.08	$40,446.58

Payments

Securities purchased:			
Metropolitan Edison Co.	$2,000.00		
Pennsylvania Power Co.	2,000.00		
Melrose Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	$ 6,000.00	
Premiums paid		577.97	
Cash on hand December 31, 1952			
Savings Bank	$20,000.00		
Melrose Trust Co.	13,868.61	33,868.61	$40,446.58

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1952	$ 145.50	
Income from Securities	8,299.03	$8,444.53

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased	$ 35.88	
Melrose Trust Co. Box Rent	10.00	
City of Melrose; Income	7,678.15	
Balance December 31, 1952	720.50	$8,444.53

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry....1995.....4%	$ 6,000.00		
Pennsylvania R. R.....1965.....4 1/4%	3,000.00		
New York Central Ry.....2013.....4 1/2%	3,000.00		
Boston Albany Ry.....1978.....4 1/4%	8,000.00		
Louisville & Nashville Ry.....2003.....2 7/8%	7,000.00		
Southern Pacific Ry.....1961.....2 7/8%	5,000.00		
Southern Pacific Oregon Ry.....1977.....4 1/2%	5,000.00		
Michigan Central Ry.....1957.....4%	2,000.00		
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....1996.....3 1/2%	5,000.00		
Cambria & Clearfield Ry.....1955.....4%	14,000.00		
Virginian Railroad.....1995.....3%	5,000.00		
Boston Edison Co.....1970.....2 3/4%	15,000.00		
Consolidated Edison.....1977.....2 5/8%	6,000.00		
Wisconsin Power & Light.....1971.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
Luzerne County Gas & Electric.....1966.....3 1/2%	2,000.00		
Pacific Gas & Electric.....1974-79.....3%	10,000.00		
Pennsylvania Electric.....1976.....2 3/4%	4,000.00		
Brooklyn Union Gas.....1976.....2 7/8%	5,000.00		
Central Maine Power.....1970.....3 1/2%	5,000.00		
Public Service of N.H.....1973.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
Central Maine Power.....1976.....2 3/4%	5,000.00		
Central Vermont Public Service....1975.....2 3/4%	13,000.00		
Toledo Edison Co.....1977.....2 7/8%	3,000.00		
Connecticut Power & Light Co.....1980.....3%	7,000.00		
Northern Indiana Public Service...1973.....3 1/8%	8,000.00		
Wisconsin Public Service.....1971.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.....1988.....3 1/8%	2,000.00		
Seattle Gas Co.....1976.....3 5/8%	6,000.00		
Arkansas Power & Light.....1974.....3 1/8%	2,000.00		
Montana Power Co.....1975.....2 7/8%	1,000.00		
American Tel & Tel.....1970-80..2 3/4%	6,000.00		
Pacific Tel & Tel.....1985.....2 3/4%	2,000.00		
Metropolitan Edison Co.....1982.....3 1/4%	2,000.00		
Pennsylvania Power Co.....1982.....3 1/4%	2,000.00		
First National Bank, Boston.....150 shares	6,687.50		
Merchants National Bank, Boston.....12 shares	4,044.00		
National Shawmut Bank, Boston.....150 shares	4,212.50		
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.....59 shares	3,062.50		
Rockland Atlas National Bank, Boston....55 shares	3,600.00		
Second National Bank, Boston.....35 shares	4,892.50		
Melrose Co-operative Bank.....10 shares	2,000.00		
U. S. Government Bonds.....	21,000.00	$233,499.00	
Cash, Savings Banks & Trust Co.		33,868.61	
		$267,367.61	

REPORT OF THE CURRIER FUND
(Welfare Dept.)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in Fund December 31, 1952		$24,713.39
Securities:		
N.Y. Central R.R. 4 1/2%	2,000.00	
Southern R.R. 4%	5,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	14,599.63	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown 5¢ Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
18 shares First National Bank, Boston	1,017.00	$24,713.39

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1952	59.25	
Income from Investments	830.11	
Paid City of Melrose		800.00
Melrose Trust Co., Box Rent		5.00
Balance December 31, 1952		84.36
	$889.36	$889.36

200TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance January 1, 1952	$51.28	
Income	1.55	
Balance December 31, 1952		$52.83
	$52.83	$52.83

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose	$400.00	
Paid John C. F. Slayton Fund		$400.00
	$400.00	$400.00

SARAH E CHEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund Amount $1500.00

Income received	$45.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$45.00
	$45.00	$45.00

ANDREW J BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund amount $2000.00

Income received	$60.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$60.00
	$60.00	$60.00

GEORGE EMERSON FUND
(Welfare Department)

Balance January 1, 1952	$3,167.90	
Estate of George Emerson	4,000.00	
Income	76.51	
Balance December 31, 1952		$7,244.41
	$7,244.41	$7,244.41

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	$78.58	
Paid City of Melrose		$78.58
	$78.58	$78.58

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES
(Cemetery Department)

Balance January 1, 1952	$8,700.74	
Collections 1952	7,535.00	
Income	186.40	
Paid City of Melrose		$10,500.00
Balance December 31, 1952		5,922.14
	$16,422.14	$16,422.14

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount $2500.00

Income received	$75.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$75.00
	$75.00	$75.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount $75.00

Income received	$2.26	
Paid City of Melrose		$2.26
	$2.26	$2.26

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount $500.00

Income received	$15.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$15.00
	$15.00	$15.00

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount $50.00

Income received	$1.50	
Paid City of Melrose		$1.50
	$1.50	$1.50

SARAH E FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance January 1, 1952	$724.24	
On account of Loan	70.00	
Income	18.89	
Paid School Department		$400.00
Balance December 31, 1952		413.13
	$813.13	$813.13

LEVI S GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount $1000.00

Income received	$30.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$30.00
	$30.00	$30.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount $100.00

Income received	$3.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$3.00
	$3.00	$3.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING
MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)

1 share American Tel & Tel Stock

Balance January 1, 1952	$56.12	
Addition to Fund	19.18	
Income	9.61	
Paid School Department		$ 5.00
Balance December 31, 1952		79.91
	$84.91	$84.91

STALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(School Department)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund December 31, 1952		$13,023.90
Securities		
Seattle Gas Company	$5,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Electric	1,000.00	
American Tel & Tel	3,000.00	
Arkansas Power & Light	2,000.00	
Public Service of N. H.	1,000.00	
Montana Power Company	1,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	23.90	$13,023.90

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1952	$307.88	
Income from Securities	426.66	$734.54

Payments

School Department Tuition	$350.00	
Balance December 31, 1952	384.54	$734.54

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1952	$128,017.07	
Budget Appropriation	40,204.28	
Interest	3,087.21	
Balance December 31, 1952		$171,308.56
	$171,308.56	$171,308.56

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1952

TAXES:	1950	Personal	226.80	
		Real Estate	391.60	618.40
	1951	Poll	48.00	
		Personal	2,134.40	
		Real Estate	51,837.68	54,020.08
	1952	Poll	14,098.00	
		Personal	170,577.90	
		Real Estate	2,149,775.41	2,334,451.31
	Estate of Deceased Persons			402.58
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	1950		31.40	
	1951		14,587.24	
	1952		184,622.76	199,241.40
APPORTIONED SEWER:	1951	Added to Taxes	326.30	
	1952	" " "	9,265.37	
	Paid in Advance		18,622.61	28,214.28
APPORTIONED SIDEWALK:	1951	Added to Taxes	79.00	
	1952	" " "	2,466.71	
	Paid in Advance		1,071.77	3,617.48
APPORTIONED STREET:	1951	Added to Taxes	30.00	
	1952	" " "	1,620.00	
	Paid in Advance		8,231.84	9,881.84
COMMITTED INTEREST:	1951		114.52	
	1952		3,437.34	3,551.86
GENERAL INTEREST:	Taxes		1,412.84	
	Motor Vehicle Excise		94.32	
	Assessments		25.09	
	Estate of Deceased Persons		26.40	1,558.65
COLLECTOR'S COST:				840.70
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES				805.00
MORTGAGEES RECEIPTS				1.00
GENERAL WATER RATES				115,585.43
DEPARTMENTAL - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:				
Police:	Ambulance			527.00
Memorial Building:	Rentals			2,708.55
Health:	Tuberculosis		6,953.24	
	Quarantine & Contagious Diseases		100.00	7,053.24
Public Works:	Private Sewer		1,198.24	
	City Hall Rental		910.00	
	Sale of Garbage		7,781.41	
	Highway Repairing		463.34	
	Individual Walks		899.39	
	Water Inside Service		1,727.56	
	Water Maintenance		22.00	
	Care of Trees		56.63	
	Other Expenses		15.93	
	Hydrant Rental		10,560.00	
	Private Sewer (Est. Rcpts.)		1.78	23,636.28

Public Welfare:	General Relief	11,330.29	
	Old Age Assistance	192,228.98	
	Aid to Dependent Children	9,828.91	
	Disability Assistance	6,045.93	219,434.11
School:	Rentals	115.00	
	Tuition	8,198.38	8,313.38
Veterans' Service:	Veterans' Benefits		10,552.53
Cemetery:	Perpetual Care		52.50
			$3,025,067.80

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1952.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
5- Captains
4- Lieutenants
1- Mechanic
43- Privates

Equipment

Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine.....	Installed	1946
Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine.....	"	1946
Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine.....	"	1929
Seagrave-350 gal. Pumper.....	"	1925
Peter-Pirsch- Aerial Ladder.....	"	1935
Mack- Service-Rescue Truck.....	"	1937
Dodge- Chiefs Car.....	"	1951
Boat- Rescue Unit fully equiped.....		
International- 500 gal. Pumper & Hose wagon-.....	Auxiliary	
4- Trailer Hose wagons fully equiped.....	"	
Trailer Lighting Plant.....	"	

All apparatus fully equiped with emergency and fire fighting tools.

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose.....	10150
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose.....	4650
Number of feet of booster hose.....	3450
Number of feet of dump hose.....	1250

Hose Condemned 1952

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	650
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	700
Number of feet of booster hose	400

All hose tested at 200 lbs. pressure

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of Bell Alarms	153
Total number of Still Alarms	313
Total number of Emergency Calls	260
Apparatus called out of City	60
False Alarms	12

Apparatus called out of City

To Malden	39
To Wakefield	12
To Stoneham	6
To Woburn	2
To Reading	1

Mutual Aid Calls to Melrose

From Malden	20
From Wakefield	6
From Lynn	1

Number of Inspections

Number of Building Inspections	1360
Number of Oil Burner Inspections	820
Number of Tank Inspections	81
Number of Paint,Varnish etc. Inspections	53
Number of Liquid Gas Inspections	19
Number of Blasting.Inspections	47
Number of Garage Inspections	62
Number of Incinerator & Burning Inspections	106
Number of Hospital & Nursing Home Inspections	59
Number of School Inspections	38

Permits Granted

Storage of Oil	484
Class A Inflamables	46
Explosives	31
Liquid Gas	8

Extinguishers refilled

Soda & Acid	238
Foamite	27
Carbon Tet	46
CO 2	11

Equipment used, HOSE, Ladders etc.

Number OF feet of 2½ inch hose laid	20350
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	11550
Number of feet of Ladders raised	2180
Number of Covers used	53
Number of lbs. of CO2 used	325
Number of lbs. of Foamite used	30
Number of lbs. of Dugas used	26
Number of hours lighting plant used	38
Inhalator, Resusitator used	8
Red Cross, Heart Mask used	9
Number of tanks of Oxygen used	26
Gas Masks used	11
Stretcher used	4
Towing Chains used	8
Rescue Boat & Equipment used	4
Smoke Ejector used	10
Rubber Gloves used	9
Portable Pumps used	19
Wire Cutters used	17
Ring Cutter used	2
Car opener used	6
Tank Straps used	8
Heavey Duty Jacks used	4

Special Work

Open Locked Doors	27
Oil Burner leaks	31
Oil Tanks leaks	16
Shut off Water	22
Cats removed from Trees & Buildings	19
Refrigerator leaks	14
Gas leaks	11
Electric Wires down	13
Shut off Electric system	4
Flush Gasoline from street	8
Automobile Accidents	18
Smoke Investigation	9
Man trapped in Elevetor	1
Remove people to Hospital	6
Remove ring from Childs finger	2
Repair roof leaks	9
Inhalator calls	21
Cover store windows	6
Person caught in washing machine	1
Remove ice from roof	2
Repair sprinkler system	6
Replace flag pole ropes	8
Manhole explosions	3
Pump out cellers	22
Remove boy from pond	1
Remove T.V. Antenna	4
Remove horse, trapped in building	1
Spray Christmas trees	1320
Recharge Extinghishers	410
Fire Prevention Class's, Scouts, School, Church etc	132
Civil Defense Class's	81

Fire Loss-Building & Contents

Number of Buildings damaged	29
Value of Buildings	$ 189600.
Loss on Buildings	16133.
Insurance on Buildings	372000.
Insurance paid on Buildings	16133.
Value of Contents	131500.
Loss on Contents	11897.
Insurance on Contents	130500.
Insurance paid on Contents	11779.
Total Fire Loss- Buildings & Contents	$ 28030.
Total Insurance paid on Buildings & Contents	27912.

Fire Prevention Program

The Fire Prevention Program was continued thru 1952 with very sucessful results. An added feature to this program was the lectures and fire prevention movies that were shown in the schools during fire prevention week. The Bay State Club of Boston assisted the department in this program. The co-operation from the Schools,Church's, Merchants,Civic & Fraternal Organizations has been excellent. The department held many lectures for the Boy Scout & Girl Scout groups as part of the fire prevention program. The department sprayed over 1300 Christmas trees with the hope of eliminating Christmas tree fires. The program was very successful as the department did not have a single call for this type of fire.

Civil Defense Program

The Civil Defense Fire Department Auxiliary,have continued to drill each week and are ready to help the Fire Service in any emergency. During 1952 the members have been fully equipped with protective clothing. The fire fighting equipment assigned to the Auxiliary is in excellent condition.

The Fire Auxiliary competed in a number of Civil Defense tests and drills in the neighboring communities and enjoy an excellent rating. Members of the Fire Auxiliary have attended a number of the State Schools pertaining to the Civil Defense program.

The Auxiliary assisted the regular department during a very serious woods and brush fire season. For which I am very grateful. During Halloween the members of the Auxiliary covered the City and handled many small fires,saving the regular department many runs.

The members of the Auxiliary have just completed the building of a meeting room at our Engine 2 quarters. It is an excellent job and it gives that section of the City another meeting place for Civil Defense.

I am very proud of the Fire Auxiliary as it gives the City added protection in an emergency.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to His Honor,the Mayor,to the Honorable Board of Aldermen,and to all other Departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department.

To the officers and men of the department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney C. Field

Chief of Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Honorable Gentlemen:

This Department has supplied the Mayor, Aldermen and Heads of the several Departments of the City, and the Boards and Committees with requested opinions.

The City, as residuary devisee under a Will, has been represented by the bringing of a suit in equity in Belknap County, New Hampshire, one aspect of which was tried and argued with a decision resulting in favor of the City. The other aspect of this suit has just been compromised to the City's advantage.

The experience of this Department in the matter of claims against the City for injuries alleged to have been caused by the condition of highways has been routine.

There has been recovery by the City from the estates of deceased persons for moneys advanced to the owners during their lifetime.

There are many claims the merit of which is still undetermined, and there are some cases against the City pending in Court, the compromise or defense of which will be determined as the facts develop.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Van Allen Thomason

City Solicitor

REPORT OF MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their annual report for the year 1952.

During this year the Trustees have continued their program of keeping the building in a first class condition at all times, with minor repairs and replacements during the season. Hence its use by its various renters, both individual and organization, has been with great satisfaction throughout the year.

Concerning the major replacements and improvements, we would first mention the new stage curtain, with combination cyclorama, which is the first replacement of its kind since the original dedication of the Hall on December 14, 1912. Then a new cement walk was laid to replace both the main front walk and the side walk leading to the entrance on the south side. These walks were in bad shape, with cracks and settling in many locationsm with possible danger to persons entering the building. And, to complete this improvement item, the street sidewalk in front of the Memorial Building was replaced with new cement walk the full distance. Other items include the replacement of broken seat parts of the seats on the floor in the main auditorium, and the general repairs to all seats in the auditorium, needing upholstery tacks, stripping, and foot rests. Since these seats are the original ones installed when the building was first opened, and those on the floor have to be moved on and off the floor many times each year, it is not unreasonable to understand that some need repairs or replacements through the years. This work can only be done by the method of having a die for the casting of new parts, since the original dies owned by the American Seat Company have been destroyed many years ago. The only other method of replacements would be to install an entire floor seating with new seats. This item would involve many thousands of dollars.

Meetings have been held periodically, with special ones called by the chairman when urgent action was needed on important matters. Any unusual requests from citizens concerning details in renting of the various rooms in the building have been promptly acted upon, and replies have been made directly to the inquirer.

Through the efforts of the custodian and assistant, rooms have been kept clean, floors waxed, and polite service extended at all times. Since the installation of the oil burners, the heating of the building has been most satisfactory. All comments from citizens attending functions within the building has been most favorable and decidedly complimentary.

In closing, the Trustees are always ready to cooperate with the citizens of Melrose, in keeping this memorial edifice in good repair.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1952

Salaries and Wages:

Appropriation	$ 5701.36
Expended	5483.80
Balance	$ 217.56

Other Expenses:

Appropriation	$ 7930.00
Expended	7130.65
Balance	$ 799.35

Respectfully submitted

TRUSTEES of MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold L. Magnuson

Chairman

REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

The forty-third Annual Report of the Park Department is submitted herewith.

The Storage and Tool House on the Athletic Field was completed late this fall, and is being put to good use.

Work on the Conant Playground was continued. Next year we hope to have a Little League diamond, bleacher seats and to be able to continue re-claiming the land for a full-sized Playground.

In spite of the hot, humid summer weather the Golf Course was well patronized.

Each year we try to improve the Course by enlarging the Tees, clearing out trees that obstruct the Golf players' views, etc.

The various Playgrounds with the baseball and softball diamonds were well patronized, afforded a good opportunity for children in the City during the summer to enjoy themselves and to get a little outdoor activity during the winter months on the skating area.

We feel that if we can keep up-to-date equipment it will aid in the proper maintenance of our Parks and Playgrounds.

The personnel of our department take great pride in doing a good job and from the results obtained, we believe the department has served the City in a very creditable manner.

As Chairman I wish to express to the Park Commission and Park Department my appreciation for their co-operation during this past year.

In behalf of the Commission, I wish to express their appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor and also the Honorable Board of Aldermen for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

For the

MELROSE PARK COMMISSION

Harold W Poole
Chairman

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

My Annual Report for the year 1952, I hereby submit to the Park Commission covering the operations of the numberous activities in the Park Department.

1952 Annual Report

The following table gives the total number of skating and coasting days with the Ski Tow sessions:-

Ell Pond	5	Days
Ell Pond Rink	26	Days
Common Playground Area	18	Days
Conant Playground Area	13	Days
Hesseltine Playground Area	11	Days
Lebanon Playground Area	8	Days
Messenger's Playground Area	4	Days
Lincoln Playground Area	23	Days
Pond No. 1 Mt. Hood	16	Days
Pond No. 2 Mt. Hood	19	Days
Pond No. 3 Mt. Hood	15	Days
Coasting No. 1 Fairway	37	Days
Ski Tow - Mt. Hood	45	Sessions

Bathhouse and Beach

For the second consecutive year, the Bathhouse and Beaches remained closed due to the recommendation from the Chairman of the Board of Health.

Playgrounds and Recreation

The Playgrounds opened on June 23rd and closed on the 29th of August after a 10-week successful season.

Attendance - Playgrounds

Playgrounds	Estimated Average Attendance
Common	95
Conant	56
Hesseltine	51
Lebanon	59
Lincoln	115
Messenger's	45

Girls Handicraft

The daily average attendance in Handicraft was 43 this season.

Articles made were leather and gimp work ; painting (water colors,finger and oil); paper construction; paper plate decorating; paper mache ; jewelry;weaving; knitting; etc.

Beach Picnic

The Beach Party was called off because of lack of sufficient interest.

Baseball

Forty-five baseball games were played by boys between the ages of 9 and 12. Transportation was met by the Park Department truck. Leagues were formed with inter-playground games being played during the summer season.

Basketball

A Basketball League for boys 13 to 15 was organized and approximately 25 games were played in the Lincoln School gymnasium.

May Day

The third annual May Day Party was held as in the past two years on the Melrose Athletic Field.

Over 500 Melrose youngsters participated with approximately 200 colorful costumed children with decorated bicycles, carts and doll carriages entered in the Costume Parade while about one-third that number competed for prizes in the May-basket Parade.

The field was a spectacle of color with streamered Maypoles wound by the skipping children in costume.

Grand feature of the program was the crowning of the King and Queen by Mayor Thomas L. Thistle who also presented the awards. The Park Commission assisted in the capacity of Judges, Master of Ceremonies, and helping run off the races.

Following the program all children competed in the Maypole winding, and Jump Rope Contests which was climaxed by a Girl Scout Troop singing," The Star Spangled Banner."

At the close of the program all the children were given Hoodsies.

Tennis Classes

Free Tennis Classes were conducted during the summer season for Melrose tennis enthusiasts.

The above Classes were held at the Lincoln, Common , and Messenger's Tennis Courts each morning.

Fourth of July Celebration

The above Celebration for the Melrose children included special movies with a capacity attendance at each show.

Each young patron was presented with a flag and a Hoodsie at the completion of each performance.

The Police and Fire Departments aided the Park employees in providing a safe and sane Celebration for the young fry.

Jr. Fish & Game Club

Better Fishing, Inc is a National Youth Program which strives to stimulate interest in outdoor activities where girls and boys enjoy this kind of sport.

The fundamental principles are taught with movies and some trips taken on Saturdays.

Baseball Day

The Playground children were guests of the American League at Fenway Park where they greatly enjoyed watching a double-header ball game.

Buses transported the children to and from the Park.

Field Day

Over 300 youngsters from the various Playgrounds attended this day where the following Playground events were run off to determine the winners who proudly displayed their ribbon awards to their fellow Playgrounders:-

100 yd dash; 75 yd dash; 40 yd dash, for both girls and boys; bounce ball; horseshoes; tug-o-war; jump rope; baseball throw; potato race; standing broad jump; watermelon contest; pie eating contest and others.

Free orangeade was furnished the children to go with their lunches and in spite of the heat all enjoyed the day

Pet Show

The Annual Pet Show was held on August 21st at the Melrose Athletic Field. All kinds of Pets were entered and the Judges did a splendid job in selecting the children's Pets as winners in the three Classes.

Fishing Contest

The Melrose Park Department sponsored a Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, August 23rd in conjunction with Better Fishing Inc. a non-profit National Organization of Chicago, Illinois that furnished excellent fishing equipment as prizes.

The Rodeo took place at the No. 1 Pond at Mount Hood where a group of boys and girls entered the contests.

There were 84 adults witnessed the fishing of these youngsters.

Although good weather prevailed the fish didn't appreciate it, the biting was not as good as desired.

The State Department of Fisheries stocked the pond for this occasion.

Doll Carriage & Costume Parade

A large number of children took part in this closing event of our 10-week summer program.

Music by the Mohawk Radio accompanied the marchers up Main Street, and into the Melrose Athletic Field.

After the National Anthem was played the Judges selected the winners, and His Honor, Mayor Thomas Thistle presented the awards to the deserving winners.

Hallowe'en Celebration

Much credit was given our Department for the quiet Hallowe'en which showed that the usual Hallowe'en activities in the community were among the lowest in years.

One big Parade was held after which the participants assembled in Memorial Hall where a two-hour entertainment featuring a Comedian; Magician; a Dog Act and Guitarist entertained the small children with their music and variety acts.

An "Outdoor Dance" was held in the rear of Memorial Hall which was flood-lighted. A five-piece orchestra with a square dance caller provided the music to a record teenage group of girls and boys from 7 P.M. until 11 P.M.

The Department appreciated the kind assistance of the Mayor, Mrs Thos. Thistle, the Park Commission,Aldermen and other City Officials who so willingly helped to make this occasion a success.

Ski School

The Mount Hood Ski School for youngsters opened on Saturday morning, December 8th with only one indoor meeting this year for the children to register.

The Ski School is free and is conducted by qualified Instructors.

The outdoor Classes were held every Saturday morning when the weather permitted and we had enough snow.

Ski Tow

The Ski Tow was operated 18 afternoons, 27 evenings and was greatly enjoyed by many.

We sincerely hope that next winter which is comprised of the months of December, January, February and possibly first of March will bring us more snow and the weather will be more conducive for better winter sports.

Hundreds of skiers and coasters enjoyed facilities at Mt. Hood over the January 5th week-end.

The rope tow transported a steady line of skiers to the top of the open slope. It was one of the most successful weeks since the tow was installed two years ago.

Parks

At the newly acquired Conant Playground a survey was made to determine the lot lines. Work was continued clearing the area, filling it in, loaming, grading, and seeding same.

This year we hope to have a diamond and bleachers for the Little League on this Playground.

At Messenger's Meadow a Little League diamond was made, and about 100 bleacher seats erected.

Our new Storage Building at the Melrose Athletic Field was completed late this fall, and is used to store our tools and equipment.

Fourteen 150-Watt floodlights were installed at the Hockey Rink on Tremont Street, thus replacing the former ones which had become obsolete.

Permission was given the Melrose Lions Club by the Park Commission for the use of the Melrose Athletic Field for a Horse Show in May. This affair was very successful, proceeds of which were turned over to the Hospital Building Fund.

A new Batting Cage was installed at the Athletic Field and the new Bleachers painted.

Mount Hood Park

The Mt. Hood Golf Ass'n and Park Department sponsored the second Annual Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Melrose Hospital Building Fund in October.

The Tournament was open to both men and women, the proceeds of $456.60 going to the Building Fund.

Approximately 96 donated prizes were awarded to the winners.

On the Golf Course, the 6th Tee was enlarged, resodded; on the 12th, trees removed, Tee relocated; 18th Tee enlarged and practically all the Tees and walks resodded.

The new aerifier purchased a year ago has helped us to improve our Greens considerably.

At the Recreation Building new door locks and a new sink for the kitchen were installed; road around the building resurfaced and some walks patched.

The top of the Ski Tow slope was filled in, graded, and floodlights extended on the tow and slope across the 5th Fairway.

The Youth Council of Melrose held their annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Slayton Memorial Tower at 5:45 A.M. on Easter Sunday morning.

The Golf Course officially opened on the 12th day of April and closed on the 7th of December. Despite a rainy spring and hot summer was considered a successful season .

Source of Revenue	1952
Subscriptions	$ 7,787.50
Daily Fees	12,059.30
Locker Rentals	660.50
Transient Lockers, Soap, Towels	470.50
Hall Rentals	2,990.50
Fireplace Permits & Wood	83.50
Ski Tow	1,095.00
Concessions	2.00
Rental Quarters, Telephone, Electricity, Etc	285.69
Fire Loss & Restitution	1,850.00
	$ 27,284.49

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to extend to His Honor, the Mayor and the Park Commission my sincere thanks and appreciation for their co-operation and kind assistance.

To the members of the Board of Aldermen and those working in my Department, I wish to express my gratitude for their untiring efforts during the year 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. Meehan
Superintendent

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 8,921.15
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 8,921.15	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Insurance	$ 129.02	
Office Supplies	517.67	
Telephone	256.84	
Printing - Advertising	71.64	
	$ 975.17	
Unexpended Balance	$ 24.83	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 32,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 30,826.07	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,173.93	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Refunds		13.25
		$ 7,013.25
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Insurance	$ 341.70	
Labor Insurance	971.69	
Automotive Maintenance	981.22	
Printing - Advertising	93.93	
Aggregate Materials	797.96	
First Aid Supplies	53.39	
Playground Maint-Supplies & Equipment	1,440.05	
Paint - Hardware - Lumber	484.52	
Tools - Repairs	1,243.32	
Telephone & Electricity	108.28	
Water - Service	67.30	
Fuel - Heat - Service	197.67	
Plants - Seedlings	34.98	
Repairs Bldgs - Flags & Walks	61.39	
Sand - Playgrounds	25.72	
	$ 6,903.12	
Unexpended Balance	$ 110.13	

Athletic Field - Renovate Track

Appropriation	$ 1,000.00

Same Carried to 1953

Backstop - Lincoln Playground

Balance from 1948		$ 361.00
Expenditures:-		
Canopy	$ 347.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 14.00	

Athletic Field & Field House Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Services & Insurance	$ 3,647.86	
Aggregate Materials	581.35	
Tools - Repairs	560.45	
Water - Field - Field House	130.50	
Fertilizer & Grass Seed	132.00	
Fuel Oil - Service	452.75	
Winterize Plbg & Htg System & Connect	166.43	
Paint Bleachers - Fence	750.55	
Janitor & Bldg Supplies	188.48	
Electricity	69.68	
Equipment - Rental	287.00	
	$ 6,967.05	
Unexpended Balance	$ 32.95	

Caretaker Mower Units - Replace

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Expenditures:-		
Caretaker & Units	$ 695.20	
"Ads"	4.71	
	$ 699.91	
Unexpended Balance	$ 0.09	

Conant Playground - Fence

Balance from 1950		$ 760.00
Same Carried to 1953		

Conant Playground - Development

Balance From 1951		$ 38.00
Appropriation		2,000.00
		$ 2,038.00
Expenditures:-		
Aggregate Materials	$ 1,821.82	
Rent - Equipment	215.76	
	$ 2,037.58	
Unexpended Balance	$ 0.42	

Conant Playground - Survey Lot Lines

Appropriation		$ 350.00
Expenditures:-		
Survey Lot Lines	$ 225.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 125.00	

Fish & Game Club

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Expenditures:-		
Services & Insurance	$ 343.92	
Printing	8.33	
Rent Films	47.61	
	$ 399.86	
Unexpended Balance	$ 0.14	

Hockey Rink Gravel Fill & Repairing

Balance From 1939		$ 780.12
Expenditures:-		
Floodlights	$ 143.00	
Balance to 1953	$ 637.12	

Holidays - Labor Vacation - Insurance

Appropriation		$3,930.00
Expenditures:	$ 2,789.37	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,140.63	

May Day - 4th July - Hallowe'en & Christmas Decorations

Appropriation		$ 850.00
Expenditures:-		
May Day Party	$ 52.14	
Fourth of July Celebration	315.90	
Hallowe'en Celebration	340.30	
Christmas Decorations	138.66	
	$ 847.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 3.00	

Operation Recreation Building

Appropriation from,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$6,650.00
Expenditures:-		
Services - Insurance	$ 3,518.93	
Fuel Oil - Services	753.02	
Printing - Advertising	15.71	
Janitor & Bldg Supplies	205.10	
Water - Service	65.60	
Electricity	285.68	
Repairs	46.48	
Hardware - Locks - Installation	312.00	
New Kitchen Sink	400.00	
	$ 5,602.52	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Pk Rcpts".	$ 1,047.48	

Out-of-State Travel

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Expenditures:-		
Conferences	$ 197.34	
Unexpended Balance	$ 52.66	

Paint - Flagpoles

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Expenditures	$ 150.00	

Parks - Playgrounds - Beach Improvement

Balance From 1950		$ 417.58
Expenditures:-		
Grass Seed	$ 74.48	
Equipment - Rental	79.69	
	$ 154.17	
Balance to 1953	$ 263.41	

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance from 1937	$ 2,811.71
Same Carried to 1953	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriations From,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$19,180.00
Tax Refunds - Gasoline		43.93
		$19,223.93
Expenditures:-		
Services	$13,604.76	
Bonds - Insurance	405.94	
Printing - Advertising	82.20	
Golf Supplies	482.69	
Automotive & Insurance	653.57	
Tools - Supplies - Repairs	674.91	
Fertilizer - Fungicides	380.25	
Aggregate Materials	305.55	
Laundry - Soap - Towels	304.77	
Repairs - Buildings - Shelters	27.70	
Water	1.20	
Rental - Equipment	22.98	
New Pump	350.50	
	$ 17,297.02	
Balance to,"Mt.Hood Pk.Rcpts"	$ 1,926.91	

Ski Tow - Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 1,500.00
Tax Refund - Gasoline		6.30
		$ 1,506.30
Expenditures:-		
Services & Insurance	$ 754.40	
Supplies & Repairs	267.07	
	$ 1,021.47	
Balance to,"Mt.Hood Pk.Rcpts"	$ 484.83	

Storage Building - Melrose Athletic Field

Balance from 1951		$ 3,429.04
Expenditures:-		
Contract & Material	$ 3,028.09	
Steel Door	378.00	
"Ads"	9.92	
	$ 3,416.01	
Unexpended Balance	$ 13.03	

Tar Roads & Walks - Mt. Hood Park

Balance from 1951		$ 61.00
Appropriation		900.00
		$ 961.00
Expenditures	$ 952.88	
Unexpended Balance	$ 8.12	

Toilet & Field House

Balance from 1949	$ 1,578.52
Same Carried to 1953	

Winter Sports

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Expenditures:-		
Services & Insurance	$ 12.36	
Supplies & Awards	40.50	
	$ 52.86	
Unexpended Balance	$ 47.14	

REPORT OF PERSONNEL BOARD

His Honor, Mayor Thomas L. Thistle
and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Second Annual Report of the Personnel Board is submitted herewith -

1952 was the first complete year for the Personnel Board in its administration of the Salary Administration Plan. Forty-two (42) meetings were held - thirty-four (34) hearings were included in those meetings and one hundred and twenty-four (124) Decisions were written. Tentative changes in the Ordinances have been sent to the Board of Aldermen and ratified.

It became evident early in the year that the Salary Administration Plan was not complete. It was of vital importance that Job Descriptions be obtained and properly rated to give the Plan a firm, fair and workable foundation. An appropriation from the Board of Aldermen allowed us to hire an outside agency to develop Job Descriptions and review the entire Plan. Municipal Survey Associates was engaged for the purpose of developing the Job Descriptions, making wage surveys of comparable communities in Metropolitan Boston and analyzing the existing job structures, especially in the Public Works Department. Mr. Raymond Harriman, a Job Evaluation Expert, was engaged who permitted the use of his own "Job Evaluation Plan for Municipalities". To date, this project has not been completed. It is hoped that the first few months of 1953 will see the Salary Administration Plan reviewed, corrected and ratified.

The Board acquired its own office in December, moving from the Civil Defense Office to quarters formerly occupied by the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,
THE PERSONNEL BOARD

Fred R. Nelson,
Chairman.

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, The Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1952.

The park was visited by some 85,000 people this year. A great many out of state folks visited us.

The Pine Banks Park youth program had a very successful season. The recreational instructors had a fair season. We feel that the park is so large that it is impossible to keep the children in one place. Therefore it was very hard for instructions to be of much use. We are not asking for recreational instructors in 1953. We think having them would be a waste of the city's money. The outdoor movies were very well attended with approximately 2000 children and their parents. The Pine Banks Piston Pushers met at the toolhouse every Monday evening for instructions and discussions. This hobby has attracted a great many people to the park. The boys had a very successful season in competition in other parts of the state. Many of the boys have won trophies and ribbons for their planes and their flying in these contests. The latest instructions are with radio controlled planes and the boys will fly them this summer.

The zoo and playgrounds were visited by many. Our zoo is growing all the time. At the present time we have 2 deer, 2 beaver, 6 raccoons, 2 ring neck pheasants, 3 fox, 6 duck, 2 monkeys, 1 peacock, 2 golden pheasants, 3 geese, 3 quail, 1 turkey and a cage of pidgeons. Some of these animals were given to us by the department of fisheries and game of the Commonwealth. Many of our animals are loaned to the state for exhibitions.

There were 3000 plants grown on the park premises. These were later placed out in the beds on the front avenue. There are 3500 tulips planted and will be in bloom about the middle of May. May 18th was designated as tulip Sunday and the park was visited by 5000 people to see this beautiful display.

We had a large number of outings this year. The Malden and Melrose YMCA day camp used the park two days a week. The campfire girls of Malden, Melrose, Everett and Medford had their day camp at the cabin for the summer. They said they had such a good time that they are planning to return for 1953. Malden park department had their outing with 700 children attending. Malden Junior Police with 800 boys had their outing at the ball field. Both groups enjoyed sport events.

In June, the Mount people held a reunion at the log cabin in the park. This group consisted of folks who have lived in the vicinity of the park. Few of the folks had lived here as long as sixty years ago. Changes in the park were discussed at great length.

April 25th, Arbor Day, the Melrose Brownies planted 100 spruce trees on the sides of the hills. The trees were furnished by the park.

May 14th, the Middlesex Tree Wardens held their outing at the ball field.

May 17th, the Settlement House had their outing with 150 children. In June St. Mary's of Melrose had a weenie roast at the fireplace. Over 200 children enjoyed this feast.

June 25th, Park Superintendents from the New England States held their meeting at the log cabin. After the business meeting the group journeyed to inspect Mt. Hood and then through the Middlesex Fells. Over 50 superintendents enjoyed a full course dinner at the Kernwood. The group was greeted by the Mayor of Malden.

The blind people of Malden and Melrose with some out of town friends had the log cabin for a social and had such a good time that they came back several times during the summer.

The Malden Little League closed their season with an outing at the ball field. Movies were shown and 480 boys enjoyed a box lunch.

Other groups who used the park for their outings were as follows: Trinity Womens Club of Melrose, Juvenile Grange of Malden, Stoneham Baptist Sunday School, Forestdale chaple of Malden and the cub scouts of the Melrose Baptist Church. All these groups held their outing on June 14th. Over 1000 were present at these functions.

Boy and girl scouts, cubs and brownies used the fireplaces a number of times during the summer. It is our future plans to build more fireplaces as we do not have enough for the demand.

The ball fields were in use every evening for softball and baseball. The Malden and Melrose Little League used the softball fields on saturday mornings.

The fieldhouse had 500 showers during the summer. This does not include the Malden Vocational School who held their practise football at the park during Sept., Oct. and Nov.

Melrose National Guard used the park for their drills and and practise maneuvers.

Malden girls field hockey team used the park for their home games.

A new toilet building was erected at the park this year at the cost of $4438.70. The labor work was done by contractors and was supervised by Supt. Cray. All material was bought at wholesale by the park. Black top walks and grading around the building was done under contract with the material supplied by the park. There was 500 feet of pipe laid for water to the new building. This building is a great improvement to the park. I feel that putting up the building this way I have saved the cities of Malden and Melrose $2000.

Sylvan Street corner is still in much need of fixing. In looking over some of the parks old records I find that

this corner was in the process of being fixed as far back as the year 1909. Have not got this land in working condition as yet but have a good start. Malden and Melrose each gave $500. for fill this year and this helped a great deal. In 1953 I am in hopes that I can finish this field for a little league diamond. We are asking each city for $2000. to finish this project. This field is needed very much to keep up with the growing of sports in both cities.

With money that was left from the new toilet building a new oil burner was installed in the tool and greenhouse. This money was transferred to general maintenance. The cost of the burner was $300. With the balance of this trans fer a new office was built in the superintendents home. The office is done in knotty pine and has an entrance on the Main Street side of the house. The office furniture was bought from the department of correction of the state. This equipment was paid for from the Pine Banks Park reserve fund.

Vandalism was at a new low this year. On December 3rd someone broke the hasp on the deers cage and liberated the deer. On final inspection of the park at 10 o'clock in the evening Mr. Cray found one of the deer at his front door. On looking over the corral it was found that the other deer was out too. Malden and Melrose Police were called. With their assistance and with one of the employees of the park these animals were coaxed back to their quarters. This took close to three hours.

With the fine cooperation of Malden and Melrose, Pine Banks Park is fast becoming one of the most popular recreation centers north of Boston.

I wish to thank my trustees, my employees, Malden and Melrose Police department and all other departments who in any way assisted me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

George F Cray

Superintendent, Pine Banks Park

Cash on hand December 31, 1952 in the First National Bank Savings Department, as shown by pass book #15223 $1040.42

Appropriations

City of Malden		
Salaries	$7833.88	
Sundry expenses	3539.68*	
Out of state travel	100.00	
New toilet building	2210.32	$13683.88
City of Melrose		
Salaries	$7657.88	
Sundry expenses	3048.00	
Out of state travel	100.00	
New toilet building	2202.00	
Sylvan Street fill	500.00	13507.88
Total appropriation for both cities		$27191.76

* Includes Sylvan Street fill.

Expenditures

City of Malden		
Salaries	$7733.28	
Sundry expenses	3532.73	
Out of state travel	78.30	
New toilet building	2210.32	$13554.63
City of Melrose		
Salaries	$7595.12	
Sundry expenses	3040.50	
Out of state travel	79.70	
New toilet building	2201.33	
Sylvan Street fill	485.04	13401.69
Total expenditures for both cities		$26956.32
Unexpended		
City of Malden	$129.25	
City of Melrose	106.19	235.44
Total expenditures and balances		$27191.76

Robert A Hodgdon
Treas

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

January 2, 1953

Gentlemen:

The City Planning Board herewith submits its report for the year 1952. Ten regular and eight special meetings and nine public hearings were held by the Planning Board in 1952. The hearings resulted as follows:

1.2.3. Subdivisions approved: Plymouth Circle, Albert Street and Stowecroft Road

4. Change in the name of a section of Oak St. to Hickory St.

5.6. Changes in the grades of Elmcrest Circle and Woodcrest Dr.W.

7. Permissive Use granted for the erection of a Mortician's place of business on Main Street at the Wakefield line.

8. Permissive Use not granted for the erection of a commercial greenhouse in the rear of 86 Derby Road.

9. Change in city ordinance, Chap. 23, Sec. 29, regulating the placing of more than one building on a lot.

Because of a state law, Planning Boards are now required to give opinion on all petitions for relocating, altering, laying-out and constructing of streets on plats previously approved. Therefore the Board voted to approve altering and relocating of six streets as presented by the City Engineer. From a list submitted by the Highway Committee of the Board of Aldermen and following a personal visit to each street by members of the Planning Board and consultation with the City Engineer to study plans showing contours, etc., the laying-out and construction of twenty-six streets were approved and six were disapproved.

A new State law was passed within the year making it compulsory for Planning Boards to obtain the written approval of the City Health Commission before formally approving the plat of a new subdivision. The Melrose Board has always done this as a matter of routine, but with this emphasis on the matter a new method of preliminary hearing on subdivisions has been instituted. This calls for a conference with the petitioner, Health Commission, City Engineer, Park Commission (where play areas are contemplated), Building Commissioner and Highway and Finance Committees of the Board of Aldermen. One such preliminary hearing has been held for the Boston Rock Subdivision and was mutually agreed to be most helpful.

The Planning Board has cooperated with His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, answering requests for opinion as promptly as possible and confering with Aldermanic Committees as requested by them. Members of the Planning Board have attended all hearings held by the Board of Aldermen when matters involved Planning Board interest.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY PLANNING BOARD
Edward F. Riley
Chairman

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Number of duty calls	70,720
Number of telephone calls	8,184
Number of radio calls	2,253
Number of ambulance calls	766

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1952

Offenses against the person:

Assault and battery	6 Males	0 Females
Threats and intimidations	1 Male	0 Females
Total offenses against the person	7 Males	0 Females

Offenses against property:

Breaking and entering and larceny	15 Males	1 Female
Larceny	3 Males	4 Females
Using motor vehicle without authority	4 Males	0 Females
Damage to property	5 Males	0 Females
Arson	1 Male	0 Females
Trespass	1 Male	0 Females
Total offenses against property	29 Males	5 Females

Offenses against public order:

City Ordinance violations	2 Males	0 Females
Drunkenness	35 Males	1 Female
Motor vehicle violations	90 Males	17 Females
Traffic violations	111 Males	29 Females
Operating motor vehicle under influence	6 Males	0 Females
Insane	3 Males	4 Females
Non-Support	6 Males	0 Females
Violation of probation	12 Males	0 Females
Indecent exposure	2 Males	0 Females
A.W.O.L. - Military	1 Male	0 Females
Lewdness	2 Males	0 Females
Health Law violations	1 Male	1 Female
Default warrants	2 Males	0 Females

Violation of Petroleum Law	1 Male	0 Females
Truancy	1 Male	0 Females
Total offenses against public order	275 Males	52 Females

Arrests on warrants	32
Arrests without warrants	366
Total	398
Males	339
Females	59
Minors	4
Delinquents	28
Residents	187
Non-residents	211
Insane Males	3
Insane Females	4
In Court	416
Number of Cases	589
Assisted in Arrests	82
Accidents reported	483
Ambulance cases	766
Automobiles stopped and warned	1,529
Automobiles tagged (2031 3-Way summonses issued out of 2980 tags)	2,980
Buildings found open	239
Cases investigated	3,127
Dead bodies found	1
Defective streets and sidewalks	16
Defective hydrants and pipes	1
Defective wires	6
Disturbances surpressed	24
Dogs killed	2
Fire alarms attended	115
Fire alarms given	13
Fires extinguished without alarm	14
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	83
Letters delivered	495
Lost children restored	50
Notices served	9
Sick and injured persons assisted	105
Street lights reported out	464
Street obstructions reported or removed	17
Summonses served	553
Visits to libraries	60
Water leaks reported	13
Traffic duty	18,786
Special messages	327
Extra duty	144

Dog bites	1
Dead animals	25
Vacant houses	5,558
Autos stolen	11
Autos recovered	13
Amount of property recovered in city	$13,206.45
Amount of property stolen in city	$ 9,642.34
Lost property returned to owner	$13,060.25
Missing persons reported	4
Missing persons located	3
Gas leaks reported	1

The Melrose Police Auxiliary unit consists of six sectors, a radio group, also a report center, and the entire organization has approximately one hundred and fifty members.

On Hallowe'en night this year, this group was called upon as part of their training to active duty. They did a splendid job and the radio group were particularly helpful, which resulted in one of the quietest Hallowe'ens for the past several years.

Each sector and group are meeting once a week and are going through a very progressive period of training and are being instructed in the use and handling of firearms, traffic duty and police procedure and are proving to be a very efficient organization under capable leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams
Captain-in-charge
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1952. The following parcels of land were disposed of during the year.

Lot No. and Location	Selling Price
Beacon Street, Lots 43-44-45-46	$ 500.00
Beacon Street, Lots 181-185	500.00
Berwick Place, 1-foot strip of land	5.00
Gibbons Street, Lots 1-2-3	300.00
Hawley Road, Lots 124-125-126	500.00
Heywood Avenue, Parts of lots 11-14	100.00
Lynn Fells Parkway, Parcel rear of N.S.	30.00
Montvale Street, Lots 64-69, inclusive	250.00
Rockwood Street, Lots 15-16	200.00
Summit Avenue, Part of lot 96; lots 97, 98	350.00
Summit Avenue, Lots 100-101-102-103	800.00
11 Parcels	$3,535.00

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Fillmore Henry L. Pestell

Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 4, 1953

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of
the City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their report for 1952.

Respectfully,
Elinor H. Tibbetts

Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 1952

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of library.....Melrose Public Library
City and state.....Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of librarian.....Helen Anderson
Date of founding.....1871
Population.....(annual listing - City of Melrose).....28,313
Number of agencies.....Main library, 1 branch, 3 branches in schools
Number of days open during the year.....295
Hours open each week.....Main library 66 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at beginning of year.....63,600
Number of volumes added by purchase.....3,582
Number of volumes added by gift.....179
Number of volumes withdrawn.....2,248
Number of volumes at end of year.....65,113
Circulation of books.....202,733
Number of registered borrowers.....12,322

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Probably the most important contribution to the citizens in 1952 was the new Highlands branch library at 525 Franklin Street. It is eye-catching from without and satisfies its purpose from within. The increase in circulation shows its appreciation by the public.

Our music record-lending department reports extremely gratifying results. This branch of cultural interest was undertaken with some qualms, but it is now a firmly established service.

The gift of the Melrose Grange last Spring has been much enjoyed. It was a very fine radio-victrola which is used in the children's room. The Trustees appreciate the interest that the civic organizations take in the public libraries.

In line with the above expression may I recognize the arrangements done in the Main Library by the Melrose Garden Club, and in the Highlands branch by the Melrose Gardeners. This work adds to the attractiveness of the rooms.

Everyone entering the Main Library this Fall must have noticed the new front doors. They were a long time in transit from Oregon but are solid enough to stand the wear and tear for many years.

The culture of the community is centered around its libraries and schools. The citizen turns to the library as a source for relaxation and information. The student uses the library for supplemental reference work. We hope that all ages find the library adequate both in contents and service. The Trustees always welcome constructive criticism.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor H. Tibbetts

Elinor H. Tibbetts, Chairman
Board of Trustees

NEW HIGHLANDS BRANCH

The year 1952 was a busy one for the Melrose Public Library. Providing new quarters for the Highlands Branch was the outstanding accomplishment. January and February were devoted to planning to take over and renovate the space occupied by the First National Stores, Inc. The Highlands Woman's Club, who own the building, had given the library an advantageous rental price and the First National Stores were generous in leaving equipment.

Open for business the first week in March, the library offered new shelving, a new charging desk, and separation of the children's department into one side of the big room. A new part-time assistant, Mrs. Ruth Winship, experienced in kindergarten work, was hired to be in charge of work with boys and girls.

Finishing touches have been gradual, such as screen doors, basement lighting and storm entrance. Mrs. Hanks, Highlands librarian reports that residents continually are expressing approval of the new premises. The loss of the "country store" atmosphere which characterized the old place has in no way prevented the new library from being a friendly meeting place. It is evident that the Highlanders are pleased with their new library.

Over 450 new books were purchased for the Highlands in 1952, slightly more than in 1951. Books borrowed numbered nearly 31,000, of which children borrowed 14,762, also an increase. Highlands has about 2,135 borrowers, 804 of whom are children.

"NEW BOOK" ROOM

At the Main Library one of the greatest sources of satisfaction is the use that adults are making of the "new book" room. Over 1,600 new titles were placed on the shelves in 1952. Each week a small group is displayed and held for a week so that everyone has a chance to see the books being added. Then they are sent along to the "new book" room or to satisfy reserves made on postcards. Current magazines, easy chairs, and couches complete the picture of this well-used browsing room.

READING INCREASED

Over the counter at the Main Library Miss Parmenter reports that more than 55,000 books of fiction and 42,000 books of non-fiction were borrowed, an increase of more than 5,500 over 1951. The total circulation for the city was 202,733. Melrose has 12,322 borrowers registered at the library, of whom 3,405 are children below high school age. With television ownership so general it is a satisfaction to know that reading is still more than holding its own. Furthermore, over 2,000 of the adult gain was in the non-fiction group of books.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

This ties in directly with work in reference, where search for information often leads to borrowing subject books, both among the new books and from the older collection. Mrs. Lee reports requests for information on military training, combustion, the Saugus Iron Works, history of religions, new luminous paints, flower arrangement, pictures of walrus, vivisection, and how to raise fish worms, among other things.

PICTURES LOANED

Pictures loaned both for information and for classroom use, for costumes and for painting have increased from 432 in 1951 to over 2,400 in 1952. Mrs. Shardlow has added to and arranged many of the thousands of pictures on file.

BUSINESS SERVICES

The Moody's Investment Services, Fitch's, Barron's and Wall Street Journal continue to be in favor with business men, as well as Thomas' Register, Kiplinger Washington Letter, United States News, and other current periodicals.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND REFERENCE

Young people at times overwork the college catalogs and vocational guidance material. The reference room in the early part of the week is a busy place. Classes of instruction on Reference books and the use of the library were given by Mrs. Lee to about 200 eighth grade pupils.

New books of reference this year include the revised Gazetteer of the World, Harper's Bible Dictionary, revised standard edition of the Holy Bible, the latest Emily Post's Etiquette, the 1952 Encyclopaedia Britannica and the latest edition of grants, fellowships, and scholarships, called Your Opportunity, 1952-1953. Demand has led the library to subscribe to several new magazines, among them Motor and Television Mirror.

BEHIND THE SCENES

With the addition of the latest edition of the Dewey Decimal classification, published nine years after its predecessor, Mrs. Lorenz cataloger, reports a new impetus toward reform. New terminology, political history, and former errors all dictate changes.

Examples of improvements made begin with the eighty-five books on World War I which needed a new number to place them before World War II. Books on colleges have been brought into sequence; Commercial Art, Cartoons, and Lettering have been separated from the larger class of Decorative Art. Among the many garden books those on individual plants, annuals, house plants, and others are now shelved separately. No longer in the group on child psychology are the infants mixed up with the adolescents, or the exceptional with the normal children.

All this is in addition to keeping up with the 3,500 and more books added, and the 2,200 withdrawn, plus continuous inventory taking.

GRANGE GIFT

The Melrose Grange presented a beautiful combination radio and record player to the Children's Department at the Main Library in the Spring of 1952. A number of children's records were included as a nucleus. In June the library Trustees and staff with the help of representatives from the students of each school entertained the committee from the Grange. Mrs. Tibbetts as chairman of the Trustees accepted the record player and radio presented by Mrs. Olive Brady as Grange representative.

CHILDREN'S READING INCREASED

The children of Melrose are reading,in spite of their many outside interests, reports Mrs. Nims, children's librarian. 6000 more books were loaned from the Main Library than in 1951, a total of 42,297. In the whole city, 76,723 books circulated to children.

SCHOOL COOPERATION

Miss Remon, Elementary School Supervisor,and her corps of teachers deserve much credit for their splendid cooperation in regard to library reading. Many teachers borrowed collections of books directly from the library for their classrooms. For the third grades and the fourth grades, the library supplemented its general book collection with the purchase of books for those age levels and loaned them as classroom deposits, one in each third and fourth grade in the city, to rotate every two months. In 1952 the third grade pupils alone read 4,430 books.

Mrs. Nims, each year for the past several years, has visited each grade in the public schools sometime during the year. Books suitable for each grade were shown with a brief talk about them. One hundred and four such visits were made in 1952.

SUMMER READING CLUB

The summer reading course attracted one hundred and forty three children to register. Sixty-nine satisfactorily completed the reading and attended the book club party given in October. Robert Williams and Larry Lottridge furnished a magic show for entertainment. Book prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

BRANCHES IN SCHOOLS

Mrs. Alice Waterworth completed five years of service at the Lincoln School public library branch in December, when she left to take a full-time position in Wakefield. Mrs. E. Marie Phillips is her successor. While Mrs. Waterworth was librarian the children's borrowing doubled. Adults have been enjoying an improvement in the quality and quantity of new books available. The 1952 total of books borrowed is 9,834.

At East Side branch in the Winthrop School, book borrowing has increased over 4,000 during the five-year period. Children are the greatest borrowers, bringing the total circulation to 10,319 in 1952.

During the last five years at the Ward 7 library in the Ripley School, Mrs. Rawding has continued to circulate well over 10,000 books a year. She finds that adults borrow nearly as many as children out of a total in 1952 of 11,159. In fact, adults borrowed 5,669.

Miss Mason, supervisor of the school branches,reports 125 new borrowers at Wyoming, 101 at East Side and 23 at Ward 7.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Exhibits of paintings and art objects were made by the Melrose Woman's Club, and by the pupils of Mrs. Enos R. Pye. A free course in Art History was again given by Mrs. Brenton R. Lutz. Meeting place was provided for committees of Community Council,Melrose Garden Club,Health Association, Girl Scout Leaders, and for Young Republicans, Humane

society, Camera Club, and League of Women Voters, among others.

Great Books discussions continued to be enjoyed under the leadership of Mr. Edwin C. Kemp.

Gifts of books have been made by numerous persons, among them the last work of the late F. Lauriston Bullard, "Lincoln in Marble and Bronze". Another memorial volume was "Bird Portraits", given in memory of Lois Mack Shippen.

The Melrose Garden Club members have furnished a number of attractive flower arrangements at the Main Library. The Melrose Gardeners have supplied lovely seasonal decorations at the Highlands branch.

MUSIC RECORDS, MOVIES, AND CEILING PROJECTOR

Nearly 1900 circulations on phonograph records were reported, 635 of which were long playing discs. The library owns about 441 discs which include 125 albums and over forty titles on long playing records.

Attendance was over a thousand at the Saturday morning movies for children. The ceiling projector was used by a few persons who were bedridden but able to read the pages of a book flashed on the ceiling.

HOSPITAL AND SHUT-IN SERVICE

Almost 500 more books were loaned by Miss Parmenter at the hospital than in 1951, a number of 1,726. Loans to Shut-Ins were 2,331, nearly 300 more than the previous year.

OUT OF TOWN REQUESTS

Occasionally requests came in for information found best in Melrose facts that concern local people or places. Questions in 1952 came from New York City, from Texas, and from Worcester. In 1952 also the Melrose library loaned 63 books to other libraries while it borrowed 64.

LIBRARIANS' ACTIVITIES

Attendance at library meetings by the librarian and members of the staff included meetings of the North Shore Library Club, the Massachusetts Library Association, the regional Boston Book Review Club and the Pioneer group of librarians. Mrs. Nims and Mrs. Watson went to several meetings out of town devoted to children's work. Miss Anderson attended the American Library Association annual conference at New York City for a week. She is in her second year as President of the North Shore Library Club and member of the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Library Association. Several talks were given at small local meetings.

To the Trustees and the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen we would pay tribute for swift action when action was urgent in the moving of the Highlands branch library.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Anderson

Librarian

CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Salaries and Wages	$35,932.84	$35,084.89	$ 847.95
Other Expenses	2,260.00*	2,253.52	6.48
Books and Periodicals	8,211.18**	8,198.38	12.80
Fuel and Light	1,400.00	1,265.19	134.81
Building and Janitor's Supplies	7,911.00	7,909.53	1.47
Binding	1,200.00	1,196.69	3.31
	$56,915.02	$55,908.20	$1,006.82

*Includes $360.00 transferred from Fines Account.
**Includes dog tax, $2,511.18; and $2,200.00 transferred from Fines Account.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1952	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
William E. Bailey Fund	$2,953.22	$ 75.00		$ 3,028.22
William E. Barrett Fund	200.84	2.26		203.10
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	677.70	15.00	50.00	642.70
		Collections		
Duplicate Fund	134.62	512.97	587.28	60.31
			Transfer	
Fines Account	3,175.35	2,394.57	2,935.00	2,634.92
	$7,141.73	$2,999.80	$3,572.28	$6,569.25

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE THE CUSTODY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1952	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Sarah A. Chever Fund	$ 676.10	$20.43		$ 696.53
Stephen C. Deering Fund	433.13	13.09		446.22
Jabez Dyer Fund	1,091.93	32.99		1,124.92
	(Melrose Savings Bank)			
	100.00		51.40	48.60
	(Melrose Trust Co.)			
Sarah E. Odlin Fund	2,385.50	72.10	8.74	2,448.86
	$4,686.66	$138.61	$60.14	$4,765.13

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Alderman,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending December, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. CUSHMAN, CHAIRMAN
John W. Huse
William J. Neely
Vivian B. Adams
Gertrude M. Curtin

The membership of the Board changed during 1952 due to the resignation of Mrs. Gladys E. Menten, who has moved to New Hampshire. Mrs. Menten was first appointed as a Board member in May, 1945 and her long and faithful service merits a vote of thanks from the citizens of Melrose. Mayor Thistle appointed Mrs. Gertrude M. Curtin as her successor. Mrs. Curtin served in the Department from 1934 to 1946, the last six years as Welfare Agent and thus brings valuable experience to her position on the Board.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

There were two important changes in the Old Age Assistance law which became effective January 1, 1952. The first of these was the real estate lien law, which requires an applicant for or recipient of Old Age Assistance to give a lien to the City against any real estate in which he has an interest. When an estate is settled, the Board of Public Welfare will recover the amount of Old Age Assistance given since January 1, 1952 minus $1500.00, which the estate is allowed to retain, whether in real estate, insurance or savings.

There were 64 recipients owning 56 parcels of real estate, who were affected by this law, eight of the properties being owned by husband and wife. Nineteen recipients immediately withdrew from Old Age Assistance rather than permit liens to be recorded against their pro-

perty. Already $1726.52 has been recovered from three estates for Old Age Assistance given since January,1952 and it is quite apparent that fiscal reimbursement will be substantial when compared with recoveries prior to the date the lien law became effective.

The second amendment of the Old Age Assistance law, Chapter 801 of the Acts of 1951, effective January 1, 1952, increased the minimum grant from $40.00 to $55.00 per month for a recipient living in a family group and to $75.00 per month for a person living alone. As a result the average payment under Old Age Assistance is now $73.50 per month compared with $63.11 at the end of 1951. The averages are less than the $75.00 minimum for two principal reasons - first, most of the recipients live in family groups; and second, the payments are reduced by the amount of income from other sources. Figuring quite substantially in such income are receipts from Old Age and Survivors Insurance. Eighty-six recipients receive from this source somewhat over $3400.00 per month.

There were 92 applications for Old Age Assistance during 1952 plus 8 which were pending from 1951; 79 initial requests and 21 transfers from other cities. The Board approved 70 applications, including 16 of the transfers; 26 applications were denied or withdrawn and 4 were pending at the end of the year.

For the first time since the end of the war, there was a decrease in the Old Age Assistance caseload. The following table shows the number of applications, approved cases and closed cases for the past five years. It will be noted that 1952 is the only year in which the number of closed cases exceeds the number of new cases added.

Year	Applications	Approved	Closed
1952	92	70	107
1951	126	97	75
1950	137	116	93
1949	175	124	93
1948	142	101	76

If we analyze the reasons for closing cases during 1952, we find that death is still the largest factor - 48 being closed for that reason. Twenty cases were closed because the recipients did not choose to permit liens to be placed on their property, 3 because of resumption of employment, 10 because of increased resources, 2 admitted to State

Hospitals, 1 removed from the State, 23 were transferred to other cities and towns.

The decline in the Old Age Assistance caseload is not an experience peculiar to Melrose: caseloads in this category have decreased throughout the state. There was a definite and sharp reduction in caseloads at the beginning of the year due to the application of the lien law, but after this the number of new cases each month and the number of cases closed just about balanced, so that there was very little change in the caseload over the last six months of the year. The number of persons aided each month was between 467 and 470, a falling off from the record high of 506 in January, 1952. These figures suggest that, barring a further liberalization of the law or unfavorable economic conditions, the caseload in Old Age Assistance may level off at about the present figures.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

The new program providing Assistance to Persons who are Disabled has been in effect since November, 1951. At the end of 1952 there were 19 persons aided under this category - 7 men and 12 women. The ages ranged from 26 to 96 years, the distribution being as follows:

Under 50 years of age	-	4
50 to 65 years of age	-	12
65 to 85 years of age	-	0
Over 85 years of age	-	3

In order to be eligible for Disability Assistance a person must submit a medical statement, which must be approved by the medical review team in the State Department of Public Welfare. Two general classifications have been set up: Class A - Those suffering from complete invalidism and 14 of our recipients are in this group; and Class B which includes persons who are not completely helpless, but who are precluded from engaging in useful occupations for which they are fitted and who partially recover if given specialized medical treatment or vocational training. Disability Assistance for the persons in Class B, of whom there are 5 in Melrose, is approved for a period of six months to one year after which time the conditions of eligibility are re-examined. The conditions for qualifying for Disability Assistance are less liberal than those for Old Age Assistance. However, the state standard budget is used for both categories and since those persons under Disability Assistance are mostly receiving nursing home care or considerable medical care in their own homes, payments to them average up with Old Age Assistance payments.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

The Aid to Dependent Children caseloads continue to show a slight decrease - from 25 in January, 1952 to 21 in December, 1952, with a low of 17 cases in September. During the year there were 13 applications for Aid to Dependent Children and 10 of these were approved, including one transfer from another city. The other three applications were denied or withdrawn. Fifteen cases were closed: 5 mothers went to work; 6 received increased support from outside the home; in 2 cases the child reached maximum age; 1 mother remarried; 1 case was transferred to another city.

Though there is satisfaction for the Board and staff and for the citizens of Melrose that the Department is ready at hand, under the Aid to Dependent Children program, to help children in need, a feeling of frustration cannot be avoided due to the fact that it is so difficult to compel deserting, separated or divorced fathers to live up to their responsibility for the support of their families. The problem is not easy of solution. Whether or not everything is being done to apprehend deserting fathers or whether it is advisable or practicable to send, let us say, way across the country to bring back a deserting father, who may be no good after he is brought home are questions for which satisfactory answers have not been found. Meanwhile the business of public assistance is to see that children do not suffer. This department can view with satisfaction the successful outcomes of many of the children that have been aided under the Aid to Dependent Children program in former years.

GENERAL RELIEF

General Relief in the old days constituted all there was to local public assistance. Now, through the development of the categories, it has become an almost vanishing type of assistance. This is gratifying because it means that the need for assistance due to other causes than age and disability is not present. The principal other cause of destitution is, of course, unemployment; and we may be grateful that this cause has figured in the work of the Department in recent years to an almost negligible degree.

The caseload in General Relief during 1952 continued throughout the year at a figure of 25 to 35 readhing from 50 to 65 individuals. There were in the list very few breadwinners able to work. Most of them

were individuals who did not qualify for one reason or another for Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children or Disability Assistance.

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

There are four minor children being boarded in foster homes - two under the care of the Division of Child Guardianship and two with the Children's Aid Society. For the care of these four children, the Department paid $1661.12 in 1952.

Mary J. Melville
WELFARE AGENT.

ASSISTANCE CASE LOAD

Month	Old Age Assistance Individuals	Disability Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children Families	General Relief Singles	General Relief Families
January	506	12	25(54)[1]	35	7(27)[2]
February	492	14	23(54)	34	9(38)
March	483	15	23(53)	34	7(32)
April	479	15	23(51)	33	9(45)
May	474	15	22(50)	30	6(27)
June	473	18	24(54)	29	11(48)
July	469	17	24(54)	25	6(26)
August	467	17	18(41)	27	8(36)
September	468	18	17(40)	28	7(37)
October	468	17	19(46)	27	9(41)
November	470	18	20(50)	27	8(34)
December	469	19	21(52)	27	6(22)

1. No. of children in these families

2. No. of persons in families including adults and children

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1952

RECEIPTS	City Appropriation	Federal Grants	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries and Other Expenses	$ 12099.00	$ 9568.26	$ 21667.26
Out of State Travel	100.00		100.00
General Relief	28500.00		28500.00
Old Age Assistance	265000.00	169269.60	434269.60
Aid to Dependent Children	16500.00	10998.60	27498.60
Disability Assistance	15500.00	4496.83	19996.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	$ 337699.00	$ 194333.29	$ 532032.29*

EXPENDITURES	City Appropriation	Federal Grants	
Administration:			
Salaries and Other Expenses	$ 11495.32	$ 9568.26	$ 21063.58
Out of State Travel	65.92		65.92
General Relief	27872.43		27872.43
Old Age Assistance	263748.65	169269.60	433018.25
Aid to Dependent Children	15820.88	10998.60	26819.48
Disability Assistance	15114.20	4496.83	19611.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	$ 334117.40	$ 194333.29	$ 528450.69

* Unexpended balances to General City Revenue- $ 3581.60

GENERAL RECEIPTS (credited to Estimated Receipts of City)

	REIMBURSEMENTS		
	State	Other Cities	TOTAL
General Relief	$ 4393.53	$ 6936.76	$ 11330.29
Old Age Assistance	18172.65	10503.03	28675.68
Aid to Dependent Children	9828.91	✓	9828.91
Disability Assistance	6045.93	✓	6045.93
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS:	$ 38441.02	$ 17439.79	$ 55880.81

✓ Settlement law does not apply to ADC or DA.

EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED YEARS - 1938--1952

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED.

	1938	1941	1943	1945	1947	1949	1951	1952
Administration:								
Salaries and Other Expenses	8130.68	7200.54	9970.03	9120.30	12088.27	15899.92	17947.89	21129.50
General Relief	73228.12	74156.81	25934.66	19882.95	22943.16	38990.90	39998.40	27872.43
Old Age Assistance	104356.80	128165.31	141333.61	151375.58	228337.17	331151.67	376116.34	433018.25
Disability Assistance								19611.03
Aid to Dependent Children	23330.40	26491.67	15509.91	14580.28	24490.04	32585.89	30771.39	26819.48
TOTALS:	209046.00	236014.33	192748.21	194959.11	287858.64	418628.38	464734.02	528450.69

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit for your information the following annual report of the Public Works Department for the Year of 1952.

The work of the Department is divided between four major divisions - namely, Engineering, Highway, Sewer and Water. In this report I will outline the work carried out by each Division during the past year and also I will bring to your attention a few of the problems encountered by the heads of these Divisions in carrying out their individual programs.

The Department as a whole had a very busy year as will be noted in the following outlines. Each Division was hampered to some extent by a lack of manpower, but this was partially overcome by the use of mechanical equipment, some of which we own and some we hired.

The general morale of our labor personnel continues to be reasonably high, although this would be improved if the current wage scale could be adjusted to meet the increased cost in living.

We of the department have every hope that the Year of 1953 will be even more successful in respect to both service and achievement.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Edwin H. King, Assistant Engineer in charge; George E. Hayes First Engineering Assistant; Sidney C. Field, Second Engineering Assistant (now in Military Service), and Frederick Polk, Junior Engineering Aide.

Listed above are the men who are responsible for the engineering, design, layout, inspection and final approval of all the construction work of the Department. The work includes, Highway, Sewer, Water, Sidewalks, Drainage and building construction. The general trend, due to lack of local labor, has been toward construction by contractor. This, of course, has increased the work of this Division because of the need of detailed plans and specifications for competitive bidding.

Inspection and general supervision is much more rigid than before, when the work was done by our own labor force. Monthly pay estimates must be checked and adjusted and final estimates must be checked and adjusted, and the final estimates must be checked and approved.

This Division should be enlarged by adding at least one or two draftsmen and maybe two more engineering assistants, if we are to catch up with the backlog of office work and maintain a proper field crew for the outside work. The amount of money saved by doing the work under contract has been well demonstrated this past year and with the backlog of work still to be done, it would seem advisable to continue to take advantage of this saving, but if this is done, it will be necessary to enlarge the personnel of the Division, or employ some outside engineering.

The streets built under contract during 1952 were Clinton Road, Bancroft Road, Part of Wildwood Road, Part of Woodcrest Drive West, Part of Sheffield Road, and Upham Street, from Main Street to Sewall Street was built under Chapter 90, with State supervision of the contractor. However, it was necessary to keep in daily contact with the State Resident Engineer in order to safeguard the interest of the residents along the street.

The contract for the south leg of the northeast sewer was completed this past year. Haley & Ward, engineering firm, had charge of the layout and general supervision. The Engineering Division, however, had to keep in constant touch with this project, since there were on-the-ground decisions to be made concerning mutual agreements between the City and Contractor, plus the fact that first-hand knowledge of the construction was very necessary for future use of the sewer.

The new Roosevelt School addition has been given a great deal of attention by this Division with the City Engineer, both in preliminary field work and checking the architect's plans and specifications.

The remodeling work at the City Yard was designed, laid out and supervised by this Division.

The cell block in the annex was remodeled into a new office for Civil Defense, while their old office was remodeled to provide new quarters for the Building Department. The Personnel office is now located in the office previously occupied by the Building Department. This work was planned and supervised by the Engineering Division.

Final assessments for sewers, sidewalks, and highways were computed and prepared for the Board of Aldermen. Plans, sketches and estimates for proposed takings for street widenings, parking and other easements; location plans for stop signs at intersections are required by the State Public Works Department, together with plans, reports and engineering service provided to the Law Department are a few of the routine duties of this Division, which, when added to the special and larger assignments delegated to this Division, amounted in all to a large program of work for this past year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The work of the Highway Division of the Public Works Department is under the supervision of Assistant Superintendent John B. Simonds and his Assistant Francis P. Martin. This Division has a much larger field of operation than any of the other Divisions; Highway construction and repair, Sidewalk construction and repair, Street Traffic painting, Traffic signs, Street cleaning, Rubbish collection, City Dump, supervision of Garbage collection contract, snow removal, sanding, driveway openings, and some of the supervision of the Tree work are all major operations of this Division.

Highway Construction - The greater part of this work was done by contract though there were a few streets constructed by our own forces. Following is a list of new streets built by the forces of this Division and Contractor:

Street	From	To	Length
Rendall Place	Linwood Ave.	Mystic Ave.	290 Ft.
* Woodcrest Dr.(N.& W.)	Upham St.	Sheffield Rd.	940 "
* Sheffield Rd.	Woodcrest Dr.No.	Present accepted Part	300 "
* Bancroft Rd.	Wildwood Rd.	Woodcrest Dr.W.	1185 "
* Wildwood Rd.	Upham St.	Bancroft Rd.	440 "
* Clinton Rd.	Washington St.	Russell St.	880 "

* Work done under contract.
Making a total of 4,035 feet or .76 miles.

Added to this list the division finished the following streets which were left incomplete in 1951:

Burrell Street
Ryder Avenue
Mt. Hood Terrace

There is a distinct trend toward contracting for highway construction in this City due to the fact that there is a lack of labor within the City forces capable of doing this work and also because of the greater saving made under competitive bidding.

Sidewalk Construction - The sidewalk program this past year was done entirely under contract, the Adams Asphalt Company being the contractor for Granolithic walks and the Liberty Asphalt Company having the tar concrete walks. The Granolithic work completed this year included two frontages on West Foster Street at the corner of Trenton Street; East Foster Street from Waverly Avenue easterly to the end on both sides; East Foster Street from Highview Avenue to Waverly Avenue on the north side; portion of Damon Avenue from Glendale Avenue north and south on the west side; Glendale Avenue south on the east side; Lebanon Street, Park Street to Sylvan Street on the west side; portion of Rowe Street; Porter Street northerly on the east side and a portion of Conant Road from Prospect Street southerly on the east side.

The tar concrete sidewalks constructed this year were a portion of Maple Street, Poplar Street easterly on the north side, and a portion of Essex Street, Willow Street easterly on the south side.

Highway Repairs - The major project undertaken this past year in highway repairing was on lower Main Street. There we removed the old and badly broken concrete surface wherever it was considered necessary and replaced these sections with a new concrete wearing surface. Since this was more or less in the nature of an experiment, it is a little difficult to state at this time how successful it was. The Adams Asphalt Company had the contract for this work. Other highway repairing was done on the following streets:

Honing -

Street	From	To
East St.	Porter St.	Upham St.
E. Foster St.	Sixth	Waverly Ave.
First St.	Geneva Rd.	Gooch St.
First St.	Ashcroft Rd.	Waverly Ave.
Greenwood St.	Franklin St.	Wakefield Line
Grove St.	Lebanon St.	Berwick St.
Lebanon St.	Porter St.	E. Emerson St.
Melrose St.	Lynn Fells Pkwy.	Ashland St.
Swains Pond Ave.	Penny Road	Malden Line
Sylvan St.	Main St.	W.Gate Wyoming Cem
Tremont St.	Lynn Fells Pkwy.	Franklin St.

Mixed-in-Place

W. Wyoming Ave.	Cleveland St.	Stoneham Line

Sidewalk Repairs - This work was done for the most part under contract. The Granolithic repairs by the Adams Asphalt Company and the Tar Concrete repairs by the Liberty Asphalt Company. Sidewalk repairs are a continuing problem, but a great deal of progress has been made in repairing tar sidewalks throughout the City, and since the bulk of our sidewalks are tar surfaced, we feel that we have reduced the hazard to the pedestrian to a great extent. The Granolithic repairs have suffered by the fact that we have spent a greater portion of our money on tar where the hazard reduction was greatest. This past year, however, we have stepped up the work on the Granolithic walks and hope for a general improvement in them also.

SEWER DIVISION

Mr. Walter Jones is the new Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Sewer Division. He succeeds Mr. S. Hale Harding, who retired in June of 1952 after thirty years of competent and faithful service in the Department. Mr. Harding was first employed in the Sewer Division as an assistant to Mr. Albert J. Waghorne, and after Mr. Waghorne retired in 1937, Mr. Harding assumed the duties as head of the Division, occupying this position until his retirement.

The Sewer Division completed a substantial program in 1952, including the extension of the northeast sewer - namely, the south leg running from Apple Hill Road southerly to Porter Street. This work was done by DiMinico & Pallotta, contracting firm. The Haley & Ward engineering firm handled the engineering design, layout and inspection.

The following table lists the projects completed in 1952 by City forces:

Street	Size Pipe	Length	Manhole	From	To
Apple Hill Rd.	8"	618.	2	Orchard Lane	Saugus Line
Boston Rock Rd.	8"	401.	3	Mt.Vernon Ave.	Easterly 400'
Ellis Farm Lane	6"	220.	1	Orchard Lane	Easterly 220'
" " "	8"	365.	0	(Trunk Sewer	(Along rear lot line) Westerly 365'
" " "	8"	381.	2	Trunk Sewer	South & West 381'
Leah Street	8"	458.	2	Beech Avenue	Harold Street
Magnolia Road	8"	418.	2	Bancroft Rd.	Woodcrest Dr. No.
Orchard Lane	8"	489.	3	Apple Hill Rd.	Southerly 489'
Woodcrest Dr.No.	8"	400.	2	Sharon Road	Wildwood Road
Northeast Trunk Sewer		1895.7	11	Pumping Sta.	Saugus Line
				Apple Hill Rd) Interceptor)	Porter Street

The additional work done by this Division included laying 153 new house connections, repairing and relaying 11 old house connections, installing 8 street line connections in newly accepted streets, clearing 92 house blocks (day and night), lowering and relaying 1 private sewer connection, and cleaning 3000 feet of main sewers.

Surface Drainage, also under the direction of Mr. Jones, has become one of the most important functions of the Public Works Department. The City by its natural expansion has slowly spread out over those areas which in the past acted as natural reservoirs for the storage of excess ground water. The resultant condition is a much more rapid run-off into our brooks and drainage system which often causes a flooded condition in our low areas. The problem of containing this run-off is a matter of great concern to the Department and every method is used to help solve the problem in a satisfactory and economical way.

This is done by enlarging and covering our brooks and culverts, and extending the system at points where the need is greatest.

The following table is a list of the projects completed this past year by City forces which will in part help to correct this condition:

Street	Size Pipe	Length	Man-hole	From	To
Echo St. Drain	15"	245'	1	Grandview Ave.	Beacon Street
Fairfield Ave.	15"	310'	3	Sylvan-Lebanon	Arlington St.
Pine Banks Pk.	(24"	300'	1	City Dump	
	(12"	35'			
Swains Pond Ave	(10"	60'		At Swains Pond	
	(6"	8'			
Ryder Avenue	(12"	105'	1	Whitwell St.	(Ryder Ave. over
	(10"	160'			(private land
Crescent Ave. Brook		30'		Exten. culvert	South of Gould

In addition to this the Division also spent considerable time in repairs and maintenance of the present system which included:

Building of new basin at Rendall Place		1
Rebuilt and repaired old catch basins		5
Cleaned catch basins		1177
Cleaned drains	(linear feet)	2000

and the following brooks were cleared:

Crescent Ave. Brook - Gould St. to main brook
Main Brook - Wyoming Station to Malden line
Spot Pond Brook - Whittier St. to Ravine Terrace
Messengers Brook - Roosevelt School to railroad
Greenwood St. Brook - Wakefield line to Highland Sta.
Hesseltine Ave. " - Horace Mann School to Hesseltine
Heywood Ave. Brook - Frost Ave. to Bay State Road
Melrose St. Brook - Melrose St. to Albion Street

CITY YARD

Mr. James Findlay, master mechanic, is in charge of our motorized equipment and kept our equipment in excellent condition, ready to meet any emergency. This is a very difficult task at times, because his force is small and during a snow storm or other emergencies working conditions are far from good and he equipment requires constant attention for long periods.

WATER DIVISION

The work in the Water Division is carried out under the direction of Assistant Superintendent Walter Olson. This Division in one sense is the most important of all those in the Public Works Department in that no community can exist without water. Life, health and the safety of property depend primarily on the proper and efficient distribution of water.

In order to maintain the standard required by a city of this caliber, a constant effort must be made toward improvements - not only in the matter of extensions and belt lines, but also in renewals. Many of the mains in this City are so old and so badly corroded that their volume of discharge is cut to less than half of their original capacity These mains must be taken care of or the system falls below the required margin of safety. This type of work comes under the heading of water relay, and may be handled by several different methods with varying results. The most practical and also the most expensive, as to initial outlay, is by removing the old pipe and replacing it with new. This method though expensive is by far the best because of the advantages of starting with a new cement lined pipe of the proper size which should be adequate in every respect for the duration of time. The next best method that may be used in mains of ten inches or over is that of cleaning and relining in service. This method has proved to be fairly successful in some instances, and it has the advantage of being somewhat cheaper, though it has the limitation of being impractical because it cannot be used in pipes less than 10 inches in diameter. The third method is that of simply cleaning the pipes and though this by far the cheapest it is not practical because within a very few years the rust again forms in the pipes and the same problem again presents itself. At best this method gives only temporary relief.

The Division has prepared an extended program to take care of this condition and in view of the danger that could result from any interruption of this program, it is hoped that sufficient funds will be made available each year so that this work may be carried on. This past year two very bad conditions were eliminated. Water relay work was done in the following streets:

Street	From	To	Length	Pipe	Replaced
Goodyear Ave.	Washington St.	Westerly	370'	8"C.L.	4" C.L
Walton Park	Franklin St.	South Ave.	387'	8"C.L.	4" C.I.

New water mains were laid and additional hydrants and gates were set on the following Streets:

Street	From	To	Length	Pipe
Boston Rock Rd.	Mt. Vernon Ave.	# 29	413'	8" C.L.
Dartmouth Road	Bancroft Rd.	Woodcrest Dr.No.	480'	8" C.L.
Derby Road	Woodruff Ave.	Southerly	160'	8" C.L.
Echo Street	Whitman Ave.	Easterly	297'	10" C.L.
Grandview Ave.	Echo Street	Southerly	140'	8" C.L.

Street	From	To	Length	Pipe
Leah Street	Beech Avenue	# 16	277'	8" C.L.
Lynn Fells Parkway	Cataldo Lane	Apple Hill Rd. Via Rt.of Way	280' 415'	(10" C.L (12" C.L
Magnolia Road	Bancroft Rd.	Woodcrest Dr.No.	604'	8" C.L.
Mt.Hood Terrace	Extension		48'	8" C.L.
Penny Road	Penny Hill Rd.	#301	135'	1½" C.L
"	" " "	"	725'	2" C.L
Pine Banks Park			146'	2" C.L.
Whitman Ave.	Harold Street	Southerly	74'	8" C.L.
Windsor Street	Howard Street	# 54	1505'	8" C.L.
Woodcrest Dr. No.	Dartmouth Rd.	Wildwood Rd.	346'	8" C.L.
" " "	" "	" "	174'	12" C.L.

The Division also added to the system 30 new gates of different sizes -

2"	6"	8"	10"	12"
1	12	13	2	2

and 10 six-inch hydrants.

Following is a summary of the work completed by this Division in 1952, including both maintenance and new construction:-

5899 Linear Feet New Mains laid
757 Linear Feet mains relaid
119 New services installed
56 Services in street renewed
8 Services in private property renewed
24 Services in street repaired
20 Services in Private Property repaired
42 Services in Street and Private Property renewed
2 Services extended
9228 Linear Feet Services laid
1 Service abandoned
136 Services cleaned
84 Services turned off repairs and vacancies
107 Services turned on for occupancy
132 Emergency Service leaks investigated
10 Emergency Main leaks investigated
11 Leaks in Main line repaired
7143 Water Services - 7039 active
157 Curb and Gate boxes reset
9 Additional Hydrants set
31 Additional Gates set
537 City Hydrants
6 Private Hydrants
1590 Gates on Mains
2 Gates repaired
2 Gates replaced

8 Hydrants replaced
1 Hydrant relocated
96 Hydrants repaired
380 Hydrants flushed
31 Fire Services - 27 active
111 New Meters set on new services
72 New Meters replaced for old meters discarded
67 New Meters replaced for old meters to be repaired
241 New Meters purchased
189 Old Meters repaired
116 Old Meters discarded
46 Meters repaired in service
414 Special Meter readings
6960 Meters in service

TREE DIVISION

The Tree Division for 1952 was partially organized as a separate unit under the general direction of William Damory.

The major expense of the year consisted of tree removals; 40 of these removals were the result of the Dutch Elm Disease, and this number of trees included both private and City-owned trees. There were 30 trees, other than elms, removed and several of them were very large trees.

Another item of considerable expense is the removal of dead limbs and weakened portions of trees, together with the trimming of low hanging branches for safety measures and also to derive more benefit from our street lights during the Summer months.

Spraying, particularly of elms for the Elm Leaf Beetle, Elm Bark Beetle, and Leaf Hopper, consumed a considerable amount of our time and effort during the early part of the Spring and Summer months. Control measures were also used to combat Gypsy Moth, Tent Caterpillar, Japanese Beetles and Anthracnose.

We planted 65 new trees during the Spring.

We have the nucleus of a practical Tree Division, but it is increasingly difficult for us to obtain men experienced in tree climbing or those who will work for a sufficient time to enable them to acquire the ability to do this type of work.

It is desirable that this Division be organized and properly manned as soon as possible in order to cope with the extremely large problem which we have in maintaining the health and safety of our large tree population.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The members serving on the Traffic Advisory Committee during the Year 1952 were

Wm. B. Alexander	Rotary Club
Richard S. Bullens	Board of Aldermen
Joseph T. Cefalo	Chamber of Commerce
Chester M. Cummings	School Committee
Sidney C. Field	Chief Fire Department
George D. MacWilliams	Capt. Police Department
Edgar A. Perry	Lions Club
Edward F. Riley	Planning Board
Glen S. Weeks, Chairman	Eng. & Supt. Public Works

A total of eight meetings was held by this Committee during the Year 1952, and much progress was made in aiding the traffic problems throughout the City. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen received helpful recommendations in setting up new traffic regulations and in determining certain street widening projects.

Attention was given to West Highland Avenue, after a public hearing was held, and the Committee advised one way traffic and parking restrictions between Ashland Street and Chipman Avenue.

The Board of Appeal requested advice from the Committee which co-operated in establishing traffic regulations near the new First National Store at Main and Melrose Streets.

The Committee was instrumental in developing the widening of Porter Street and Lebanon Street near the Melrose Hospital.

When Lebanon Street is rebuilt in 1953, the four corners at Upham Street will be rounded. This proposal was introduced by the Traffic Advisory Committee in an effort to reduce the difficulty of maneuvering this intersection.

In the Fall of 1952 a public hearing was held by this Committee to get public reaction to automatic gates at the West Foster Street Boston & Maine grade crossing. Following the hearing the Committee voted against the automatic gates.

A widening project at West Emerson Street near Essex Street was again recommended, to be accompanied by some changes in traffic regulations.

The efforts of this Committee, which serves merely in an advisory capacity for the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, have consistently rendered assistance and guidance in the establishment of new and improved traffic regulations to reduce the traffic hazards and to help the motorists and pedestrians in the City of Melrose.

STATISTICS

CITY OF MELROSE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population January 1, 1952	28,313
Number of Voters	15,636
Greatest extent of City, east and west	2.95 miles
Greatest extent of City, north and south	2.44 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	41,476,750.00
Valuation of Personal Property	3,219,150.00
Tax Rate - per thousand	53.80
Area of City:	
Land 3,079.50 acres	
Water 35.50 acres	3,115 acres
Length of Public Streets	61.79 miles
Length of Private Streets	12.62 miles
Length of Water Mains	79.06 miles
Length of Sewer Mains	68.03 miles
Range of pressure on mains	100-23 lbs.
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	1141
Number of 1000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	5
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	8
Number of 2500 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANUG	1
Number of 6000 Lumen Incandescent Lights ANOH	28
Number of 10000 Lumen Incandescent Lights MNUG	1
Number of 11000 Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	2
Number of 11000 Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	2
Number of 15000 Mercury Vapor Lights ANOH	10
Number of 15000 Mercury Vapor Lights ANUG	63
Number of 15000 Mercury Vapor Lights MNUG	18
Area of Parks:	
Bowden Park	.62 acres
Colby Park	.90 acres
Ell Pond Park	34.41 acres
Horace Mann Park	.60 acres
Lebanon Street Playground	.95 acres
Lincoln School Playground	1.60 acres
Melrose Common	4.40 acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground	2.89 acres
Middlesex Fells	170.00 acres
Mount Hood	225.00 acres
Pine Banks Park	81.80 acres
Sewall Woods Park	9.00 acres
Conant Park	4.80 acres
Wyoming Cemetery	43.50 acres

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall - 61 feet above mean tide

Elevation, Franklin Square - 85 feet above mean low tide

CONCLUSION

Throughout the year the personnel of the Public Works Department has demonstrated its ability to co-operate with other Municipal Departments and Officials, which, in no small way, makes the operation of our City a co-ordinated operating unit instead of several units working independently, and sub-ordinated the City's interest to that of the individual department.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen S. Weeks
Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

REPORT OF RECREATION COMMISSION

January 31, 1953.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year 1952.

Present membership and organization: John T. Brady, Chairman; Mrs. Clifford H. Morse, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harry L. Restall, Corresponding Secretary; L. Arthur Johnson, Lewis H. Keith, John M. Kirk, Harold T. Rand and Henry A. Tyler.

Having completed during 1951 a comprehensive study of tax-supported recreation in Melrose and discussed ways and means of improving it, this Commission, on January 8, 1952, voted to submit to His Honor, the Mayor, the following recommendation:

VOTED---"That His Honor, the Mayor, be advised that we recommend that he appoint a Director of Recreation for the City of Melrose and that an appropriation for his support be included in the budget for 1952."

This action brought advice from His Honor, the Mayor, that in view of the fact that a substantial increase in the tax rate seemed certain he did not believe the Honorable Board of Aldermen would approve an appropriation for a full-time Director of Recreation, but he suggested that it might approve appointment of a part-time Director.

Consequently, on February 5, 1952, this Commission voted to submit to His Honor, the Mayor, a revised recommendation as follows:

VOTED---"That in case it appears inexpedient at this time to appoint a full-time Director of Recreation and to include an appropriation for his support in the 1952 budget, His Honor, the Mayor, be and hereby is, most respectfully requested to consider the advisability of ---

1...appointing a part-time Director of Recreation at a salary of $2,000 yearly, plus an allowance of $200 for automobile use and $100 for telephone service...

2...and providing $600 for employment of a part-time secretary, and $100 for postage and office supplies.

No appropriation for a part-time Director of Recreation was included in the 1952 budget, so no such appointment was made.

As a result tax-supported recreation in Melrose followed the same pattern during the year as it has for a number of years. The only improvement noted was in certain phases of the summer program, notably in the handicraft project, due to employment of a capable director, Mr. Charles Tousley.

No bathing was allowed at Ell Pond or Swain's Pond during the summer because the water in each was deemed unsuitable by State and City Health Departments. This resulted in some public agitation for providing public bathing facilities by either taking steps to prevent pollution of the ponds or by construction of a modern artificial swimming pool. A study of the pollution problem was initiated by His Honor, the Mayor, and a solution may be found. If not, it seems likely there will be a growing demand for a modern swimming pool.

His Honor, the Mayor, has advised this Commission that he proposes to ask the Honorable Board of Aldermen to provide for transportation of Melrose children to and from the Metropolitan District Commission's pool in Stoneham next summer.

There also has been public agitation for construction of an artificial skating rink, and Dr. Roland Marsolais, a leader in this movement, presented the need of it, with estimates of cost, benefits to be derived, and possible revenue, to this Commission. A special committee of interested citizens appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, is now studying all phases of the project.

Construction of the proposed swimming pool and skating rink has been recommended by the Park Department.

Each project will involve an expenditure of more than $75,000 and this Commission finds that there is a sharp division of public opinion as to which should be built first, although there is much agreement that both are needed.

An inspection of the various recreation areas in the city and facilities for recreational activities was made during the year and it revealed that the Park Department has done a good job in developing them where possible. The Lebanon Street area is too small for proper development and cannot be enlarged because of an adjacent ledge.The Common, Lincoln and Hesseltine areas are also inadequate for a full program of activities, but the Hesseltine area could be enlarged by addition of vacant land adjoining it. Messenger's Meadow appears to be the most adequate and best developed playground in the city. The Conant Road playground is now in the process of development and promises to be one of the best in the city.

Little League Baseball was the only new development in recreation during the year and a group of citizens was responsible for organizing and financing it. The project was a great success, and involved no expenditure of tax money except the cost of Park Department labor in providing

a baseball diamond.

During the year this Commission continued its study of the need of a well-trained individual to plan and direct a good year-round program of recreation for all ages and the advantages to be gained.

This Commission now feels that little substantial improvement in tax-supported recreation in Melrose can be made until a part-time Recreation Director is appointed --- that such an appointment would be the most practical and economical way to start on improving recreation in the city ---and that this Commission could function much more effectively working with and through a part-time Director.

Therefore this Commission at its regular meeting of December 2, 1952, voted to submit to His Honor, the Mayor, the following recommendation:

VOTED---"That His Honor, the Mayor, be advised that we recommend that he appoint a part-time Director of Recreation for the City of Melrose and that an appropriation of $3500 be included in the budget for 1953 to cover his salary and expenses for part-time secretary, use of automobile and telephone."

Without someone to implement it, the work of this Commission in studying and devising methods of improving and expanding tax-supported recreation is of little avail.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Brady

John T. Brady, Chairman

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1953.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1953 is herewith submitted.

As required by law, the Registrars caused lists to be made of all persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1952. The number of such persons listed was as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,198	1,293	1,652	1,762	1,217	1,225	1,317	1,549	1,406	1,697

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,409	1,195	978	1,233	744	19,875

Concurrently with the annual listing a determination was made of the total population of the city as of January 1, 1952, as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,695	1,865	2,353	2,428	1,655	1,793	1,758	2,194	2,029	2,440

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,967	1,678	1,438	1,868	1,152	28,313

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in the city on January 1, 1952, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
531	578	781	788	550	544	534	698	644	781

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
632	550	465	599	350	9,025

Questionnaires were sent to 271 female persons and to 300 male persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service. From the replies received to these questionnaires, 124 female persons and 211 male persons, making a total of 335, were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list.

The names of 317 enrolled voters of the Democratic and Republican parties were determined by the Registrars to be those of persons qualified for service as election officers and a list containing the names of such persons was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, as required by law.

Applications for registration for voting were received on each business day during the year, except during the periods preceding the presidential primaries, state primaries and state election when registration was required by law to be closed. After conferring with representatives of the Democratic and Republican City Committees and the Melrose League of Women Voters, provision was made for holding three special evening registration sessions preceding the presidential primaries, three special evening sessions preceding the state primaries and, during the last two weeks preceding the final date for registration before the state election, special sessions were held every evening, Monday through Friday, making a total of ten.

During the year the names of 2,759 persons applying to register and found to be qualified were added to the general and current annual registers of voters. The names of 1078 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of voters whose names were included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1952, was:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,055	1,150	1,483	1,512	1,106	1,070	1,102	1,431	1,241	1,389

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,187	1,078	852	1,046	580	17,282

In addition, 98 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either on direct application or on application of their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the state election, making the total number qualified 17,439 .

The ratio of duly registered voters to population in 1952 was 61.0%.

Signatures appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the presidential primaries and state primaries were certified as being those of duly registered voters of the city of Melrose to the number of 2,205.

The names of 784 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the state election (including 262 persons serving in the armed forces from whom, or in whose behalf, applications for official war ballots were received) were certified as being those of duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars of Voters during the year 1952 was 39.

The sum of $415.50 was received for 554 copies of the street lists sold during the year.

Charles E. Holt,

Edward J. Murphy

Fergus W. Griffin, Chairman

Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 16th Annual Report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan ..... Chairman.

Robert L. Gustafson

Martin J. Moynihan, Secretary.

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31,1952

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31, 1951			$408,226.03
	INCOME		
From members:			
Regular Contributions:			
Group A	$28,030.96		
Group B	11,373.97	$39,404.93	
Voluntary additional contributions:			
Group A	1,417.54		
Late Entry Payments	2,896.85	4,314.39	
Re-deposits:			
Group A	787.46		
Group B	101.73	889.19	
Transfer of Members accounts from other systems:			
Group A	136.65	136.65	
From Employer:			
Contributions to Pension Fund	26,346.45		
Special Fund for Military Service Cr.	326.98		
Contributions for Expenses	1,400.00	28,073.43	
Refund from Pensions Paid	1,169.06	1,169.06	
State Retirement System (Sect.3)(8)(c)	288.60	288.60	
From Interest:			
-Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less $97.12 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year:	11,781.78		
-Gross interest on cooperative shares less $41.20 accrued interest on shares acquired during the year:	933.80		
-Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks	54.00	12,769.58	
Accrued interest on Bonds Dec. 31, 1952		3,605.13	
Gross increase, by adjustment of ledger assets:			
Bonds, by amortization	8.42		
Stocks per schedule 2	2,900.00	2,908.42	
Total Income			93,559.38
TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS			501,785.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Payments:			
Regular		$1,695.46	
Ordinary and Accidental Disability		318.57	
Additional on account of voluntary contributions:		97.80	
Payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Option (b)		1363 .10	
Annuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Opt. (c)(d):		77.76	
Pension Payments			
Option A	$13,179.48		
Option B	13,529.90	26,709.38	
Survivorship payments:			
Option (d)		487.32	
Disability Pension Payments:			
Ordinary	295.64		
Accidental	9,326.47	9,622.11	
Refunds:			
Withdrawals from Annuity Savings Fund:			
Deaths	.00		
All Others	8,926.72	8,926.72	
Transfers of Members' Accounts to Other Systems:			
Group A	1,772.42		
Group B	890.87	2,663.29	
Administrative Expenses		1,379.56	
Accrued Interest on Bonds, Dec. 31, 1951		3,437.45	
Gross decrease, by adjustments of Ledger Assets:			
Bonds, by amortization		205.41	
Total Disbursements			56,983.93
TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS - Dec. 31, 1952			$444,801.48

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1952

Assets				Liabilities	
Book Value of:					
Bonds	$361,811.91				
Stocks	35,170.00	$396,981.91			
Book Value of Co-operative Shares		38,000.00		Annuity Savings Fund	$273,756.91
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest		4,414.44		Annuity Reserve Fund	28,045.99
Deposits in Trust Companies and Banks on interest		1,800.00	$441,196.35	Special Fund for Military Service Credit	3,774.58
Accrued Interest on Bonds		3,605.13	3,605.13	Pensions Fund	139,128.04
				Expense Fund	95.96
TOTAL LEDGER ASSETS			444,801.48	TOTAL LIABILITIES	444,801.48

SCHEDULE OF BONDS - DECEMBER 31, 1952

	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31,1952
Government			
U. S. Savings, Series G	July 1955	2½	$3,000.00
" "	July 1956	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1957	"	5,000.00
" "	June 1957	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1958	"	5,000.00
" "	July 1958	"	7,000.00
" "	Sept.1958	"	5,000.00
" "	Dec. 1958	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1959	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1959	"	24,000.00
" "	July 1959	"	3,000.00
" "	Oct. 1959	"	5,000.00
" "	Nov. 1959	"	4,000.00
" "	Feb. 1960	"	25,000.00
" "	Dec. 1960	"	5,000.00
" "	Jan. 1961	"	3,000.00
" "	Oct. 1961	"	5,000.00
" "	Sept.1963	"	6,000.00
Total Government			125,000.00
Railroads			
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	Oct. 1995	4	3,219.74
" " " "	Oct. 1995	4	1,073.24
" " " "	Oct. 1995	4	1,073.24
Cambria and Clearfield	Feb. 1955	4	2,021.46
" "	Feb. 1955	4	1,010.75
" "	Feb. 1955	4	2,021.46
Chesapeake and Ohio	Mar. 1992	4½	6,073.92
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	Aug. 1985	3 1/8	4,020.30
Erie	Oct. 1964	3½	5,168.01
Great Northern	Jan. 2010	2 5/8	6,748.84
" "	Jan. 2000	3 1/8	993.88
" "	Jan. 2000	3 1/8	5,963.28
Lexington and Eastern	Apr. 1965	5	3,352.89
" "	Apr. 1965	5	2,235.26
Louisville and Nashville	Apr. 2003	2 7/8	4,933.22
New York Central and Hudson	July 1997	3½	4,922.90
" " " "	July 1997	3½	4,922.90
" " " "	July 1997	3½	4,922.89
Northern Pacific	Jan. 1997	4	5,975.50
" "	Jan. 1997	4	3,983.67
Oregon and Washington	Oct. 1960	3	5,076.10
Reading Co.	May 1995	3 1/8	5,006.13
Southern Pacific	Jan. 1986	2 7/8	5,091.30
" "	Jan. 1996	2 3/4	5,000.00
Texas and Pacific	June 2000	5	1,095.57
" "	June 2000	5	1,095.57
" "	June 2000	5	1,095.58
Virginia	May 1995	3	5,311.51
Total Railroads			103,409.11

SCHEDULE OF BONDS - DECEMBER 31, 1952
(Continued)

Utilities

American Tel. and Tel.	Apr. 1982	2 3/4	$5,030.10
Boston Edison	Dec. 1970	2 3/4	4,073.97
" "	Apr. 1980	2 3/4	5,125.99
Central Maine Power Co.	May 1976	2 3/4	5,086.50
Consolidated Edison Co. of New York	June 1972	2 3/4	4,867.42
Consolidated Gas and Electric Light of Baltimore	Jan. 1986	2 3/4	5,062.50
Detroit Edison Co.	Nov. 1976	3 3/8	5,256.67
Duquesne Light Co.	Aug. 1977	2 3/4	5,080.80
Illinois Bell Tel.	Jan. 1981	2 3/4	5,078.61
Indianapolis Power and Light	Oct. 1979	2 7/8	5,195.00
Luzerne County Gas and Elec. Corp.	Jan. 1966	3 ¼	5,144.64
Mountain States Tel. and Tel. Co.	May 1986	2 5/8	4,987.50
New England Tel. & Tel.	Mar. 1974	3	5,240.52
New Jersey Bell Tel.	July 1988	3 1/8	5,259.82
New York Tel. Co.	July 1982	2 3/4	5,060.87
Northern Indiana Public Service	Aug. 1973	3 1/8	4,088.84
Pacific Gas and Electric	Dec. 1980	2 7/8	5,231.05
Pacific Tel. and Tel.	Oct. 1986	2 7/8	5,181.60
Public Service of New Hampshire	Jan. 1973	3 ¼	5,327.03
Public Service Electric and Gas Co.	May 1980	2 3/4	5,077.23
Seattle Gas Co.	Jan. 1976	3 5/8	2,088.30
" " "	Jan. 1976	3 5/8	5,220.80
Southern Bell Tel.	July 1987	2 7/8	5,230.24
Southern California Edison	Feb. 1976	2 7/8	4,912.67
Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.	Oct. 1985	2 3/4	5,043.19
Wisconsin Power and Light	Aug. 1971	3 1/4	2,097.06
" " "	Aug. 1971	3 1/4	3,145.58
Wisconsin Public Service	Jan. 1971	3 1/4	5,208.32
Total Utilities			133,402.80
TOTAL BONDS			361,811.91

SCHEDULE OF STOCK - DECEMBER 31, 1952

	No. of Shares	Par Value per Share	Actual Cost	Market Value Dec. 31,1952
First National Bank of Boston	30	N/P	$ 1,361.25	$ 1,560.00
" " " "	70	N/P	3,342.50	3,640.00
" " " "	100	N/P	5,425.00	5,200.00
Guaranty Trust Co. of New York	20	100.00	5,980.00	7,400.00
Merchants National Bank - Boston	10	100.00	3,250.00	3,090.00
Middlesex County National Bank	100	10.00	3,300.00	3,900.00
National Shawmut Bank of Boston	60	12.50	1,365.00	2,040.00
" " " "	40	12.50	1,320.00	1,360.00
" " " "	20	12.50	475.00	680.00
Newton Waltham Bank and Trust Co.	35	10.00	1,347.50	1,645.00
" " " " "	15	10.00	990.00	705.00
Second National Bank of Boston	20	N/P	2,480.00	2,240.00
Security Trust Co. of Lynn	30	20.00	2,340.00	1,710.00
Total Stocks			32,976.25	35,170.00

SCHEDULE OF CO-OPERATIVE BANK SHARES - DECEMBER 31, 1952

	No. of Shares	Par Value Per Share	Actual Cost	Market Value Dec. 31,1952
Beverly Co-operative Bank	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hyannis " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Malden " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
" " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
" " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Mattapan " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
" " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Meeting House Hill Co-operative Bank	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
" " " " "	20	200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Melrose " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
" " " "	20	200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
" " " "	20	200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Merchants " "	20	200.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Middleborough " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Wellesley " "	10	200.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Shares			38,000.00	38,000.00

MEMBERS RETIRED IN YEAR 1952

Name	Former Position		Date Retired
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer		Feb. 29, 1952
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk		May 31, 1952
Harvey W. McGilley	Laborer		June 2, 1952
Paul W. Watson	Fireman		Sept.30, 1952
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	(As of)	Nov. 8, 1951

RETIRED MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1952

		Date Deceased
Myrtle S. Meriam	Health and School Nurse	Apr. 13, 1952
George A. Gibbons	Laborer	Apr. 30, 1952
Percy E. Cates	Call Fireman	June 4, 1952

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1952

		Date Retired
Michael J. Hanley	Dog Officer	Sept.28, 1937
Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	Dec. 19, 1938
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	June 30, 1939
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	June 30, 1939
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	Oct. 20, 1940
Everard C. Martin	Laborer	June 29, 1941
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	Dec. 3, 1941
Dennis J. Murphy	Foreman	Sept. 2, 1942
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	Oct. 8, 1942
Lawrence Riordan	Foreman	Mar. 25, 1944
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	June 5, 1944
Victor H. Kirmes	Laborer	Nov. 28, 1944
Walter H. Flanders	School Physician	Mar. 25, 1945
Ross H. Worth	School Janitor	Mar. 1, 1946
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	Apr. 1, 1946
Phillip C. Cassell	Laborer	May 3, 1946
George H. Cray	Superintendent	June 1, 1946
Eugene F. McCarthy	Foreman	Apr. 3, 1946
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	Jan. 22, 1947
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	Mar. 31, 1948
John E. Grace	Laborer	June 30, 1948
Ethel M. Hewson	Secretary	Oct. 1, 1948
M. Eileen Dunlay	Clerk	Sept.15, 1948
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	Sept.25, 1948
Paul V. DeFranco	Patrolman	May 5, 1947
Mary E. Ayers	Librarian	Sept. 1, 1949
Michael Fahey	Laborer	July 31, 1950
Emily N. Osgood	Clerk	Dec. 1, 1950
Elsie M. Ashmead	School Nurse	Jan. 1, 1951
Julia A. Sullivan, Beneficiary of Julian T. Sullivan	Working Foreman	Feb. 21, 1951
Charles E. VanRiper	Senior Custodian	Nov. 28, 1951
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer	Feb. 29, 1952
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk	May 31, 1952
Harvey W. McGilley	Laborer	June 2, 1952
Paul W. Watson	Fireman	Sept.30, 1952
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	Nov. 8, 1951

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1952

ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Group A		Group B	Members in Both Groups	Total Membership
	Male	Female			
Active Membership, Dec.31,1951	164	53	73	1	290
Enrolled during 1952	19	10	7		36
Totals	183	63	80	1	326
Deduct, ceased by:					
Withdrawal	18	3	3		24
Retirement for:					
Superannuation	2	1	1		4
Accidental Disability			1		1
Transfers to inactive membership	1	3			4
Total Deductions	21	7	5		33
Active Membership, Dec. 31,1952	162	56	75	1	293

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive Membership,Dec.31,1951	R 20 I 6	9 2	5 3		45
Retirements for:					
Superannuation	2	1	1		4
Accidental Disability			1		1
Transfers from Active Membership	1	3			4
Total	R 22 I 7	10 5	7 3		54
Deduct, ceased by:					
Death	R 1	1	1		3
Withdrawal	4		1		5
Total Deductions	R 1 I 4	1	1 1		8
Inactive Membership,Dec.31,1952	R 21 I 3	9 5	6 2		46

TOTAL ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR DEC. 31, 1952

Total Membership, Dec. 31, 1952	186	70	83	1	339

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1952

School Year	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from Grammar school
1932-33	3,025	1,327	2,916.32	1,257.65	2,753.65	1,196.28	245	261
1933-34	2,990	1,359	2,894.60	1,289.62	2,727.04	1,231.48	267	286
1934-35	2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36	2,987	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,331.57	285	298
1936-37	2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38	2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39	2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,376.61	318	259
1939-40	2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,383.96	331	286
1940-41	2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42	2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,404.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43	2,648	1,308	2,669.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44	2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45	2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,195.39	2,230.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46	2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47	2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,269.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48	2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,265.17	1,070.04	283	257
1948-49	2,543	1,094	2,515.75	1,073.86	2,345.14	1,021.50	280	277
1949-50	2,646	1,061	2,500.00	1,037.06	2,427.84	983.04	260	294
1950-51	3,095	1,090	3,066.54	1,048.97	2,751.07	1,001.24	216	274
1951-52	3,200	1,078	3,095.24	1,047.14	2,824.01	986.65	233	271

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1952

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1078	545	533	1047.14	985.65	94.13
Coolidge	555	262	293	536.22	496.12	92.52
Franklin	186	86	100	190.21	168.06	93.26
Gooch	213	94	119	203.73	184.17	90.40
Lincoln	483	255	228	305.80	275.91	90.23
Horace Mann	316	165	151	466.65	427.80	91.67
Ripley	126	71	55	125.51	114.00	90.83
Roosevelt	286	142	144	282.59	261.42	92.51
Warren	129	65	64	119.02	103.35	86.83
Washington	360	188	172	346.02	312.96	90.45
Whittier	119	49	70	112.74	101.88	90.37
Winthrop	427	210	217	416.75	378.34	90.73
	4278	2132	2146	4142.38	3809.66	91.97

2. By Grades

Grade						
Post Graduate	2	1	1	.78	.72	92.31
Seniors	233	96	137	231.89	217.81	93.93
Juniors	242	130	112	234.57	219.61	93.62
Sophomores	298	149	149	289.70	273.92	94.55
Freshmen	303	169	134	290.20	273.59	94.28
Special	29	21	8	27.50	24.56	89.31
Eighth	280	144	136	276.60	260.89	94.32
Seventh	300	146	154	292.64	274.91	93.94
Sixth	328	150	178	317.94	297.98	93.72
Fifth	344	174	170	329.23	306.70	93.16
Fourth	389	195	194	384.85	354.73	92.17
Third	384	197	187	374.97	344.67	91.92
Second	334	171	163	328.88	300.88	91.48
First	370	177	193	356.47	318.53	89.36
Kindergarten	442	212	230	406.16	340.16	83.75
	4278	2132	2146	4142.38	3809.66	91.97

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1952

Age	Spec. Pre. Voc.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Total
4 to 5 yrs.		116														116
5 to 6 yrs.		404	96													500
6 to 7 yrs.		1	314	70												385
7 to 8 yrs.			7	266	80											353
8 to 9 yrs.				24	224	100	1									349
9 to 10 yrs.	1				30	240	122									393
10 to 11 yrs.	4				1	20	223	90	1							339
11 to 12 yrs.	8					5	32	203	93							341
12 to 13 yrs.	5						5	32	172	81						295
13 to 14 yrs.	3							5	30	143	94					275
14 to 15 yrs.	6								9	52	162	73	2			304
15 to 16 yrs.	4									11	44	146	85	1		291
16 to 17 yrs.	1									2	9	47	139	54		252
17 to 18 yrs.	1											7	33	138		179
18 to 19 yrs.												1	5	27		33
19 to 20 yrs.														6		6
20 to 21 yrs.													1	1		2
21 and over															1	1
	33	521	417	360	335	365	383	330	305	289	309	274	265	227	1	4414

Financial Summary - January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

	Asked for by School Committee	Approp. by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriation	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries	$ 866,484.00	$ 866,484.00		$ 866,484.00	$ 863,280.91	$ 3,203.09
Other General Expenses	9,640.00	9,640.00	/ 7.08	9,647.08	9,561.89	85.19
Textbooks and Supplies	48,971.00	48,971.00		48,971.00	48,816.28	154.72
Plant Maintenance and Operation	128,791.00	128,791.00		128,791.00	128,653.42	137.58
Support of Athletics	10,829.00	10,829.00	/ 9,153.61	19,982.61	16,211.11	3,771.50
	$1,064,715.00	1,064,715.00	/ 9,160.69	1,073,875.69	1,066,523.61	7,352.08
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
Out of State Travel	250.00	250.00		250.00	103.50	146.50
Adult Education	5,257.00	5,257.00	/ 264.77	5,521.77	4,908.17	613.60
High School Lawn Grading and Drain Repair	3,685.00	3,685.00	/ 2,000.00	5,685.00	5,685.00	
Carried over from 1951						
Horace Mann Equipment	2,977.89	2,977.89		2,977.89	474.81	2,503.08
	12,169.89	12,169.89	/ 2,264.77	14,434.66	11,171.48	3,263.18
GRAND TOTAL	$1,076,884.89	1,076,884.89	/11,425.46	1,088,310.35	1,077,695.09	10,615.26

Cost per pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1952

	High	Elementary
General Control	$ 5,773.99	$ 17,321.97
General Control, per pupil	5.40	5.40
Teachers' Salaries	263,310.25	521,531.26
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil	243.33	162.97
Textbooks	3,777.79	8,266.84
Textbooks, per pupil	3.50	2.58
Supplies	13,168.92	22,712.10
Supplies, per pupil	12.20	6.91
Operation of School Plant	28,588.60	79,986.41
Operation of School Plant, per pupil	26.52	25.00
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	12,673.09	48,438.93
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, per pupil	11.76	15.11
New Furniture and Furnishings	1,227.50	10,030.43
New Furniture and Furnishings, per pupil	1.14	3.11
Other Expenses	2,749.35	884.09
Other Expenses, per pupil	2.55	.28
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$4,907.97	
Transportation	1,648.38	

331,369

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (January 1, 1952)	28,313
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment, school year 1951-1952	4,278
Number in High School	1,078
Number in Elementary Schools	3,200
Total approved school bills, fiscal year (Support)	$1,066,523.61
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1952 (exclusive of General Control)	$325,495.44
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership, Jan. 1, 1952 to Jan. 1, 1953 (1078)	301.94
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1952 (exclusive of General Control)	$691,850.06
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership Jan 1, 1952 to Jan. 1, 1953 (3200)	216.20
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools)	4,907.97
Number of full-time High School teachers, including Principal, Jan. 1, 1952	55
Number full-time Elementary teachers, including Principals, Jan. 1, 1952	133

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

School Year 1951-1952

Number of individual inspections	2,667
Number of notices sent	1,033
Number of home visits	287
Number of visits to Forsyth Dental Infirmary	20
Number of restorations	1,030
Number of x-rays	75
Number of surgical cases	60
Number of children treated	166
Number of mouths completely rehabilitated	142

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS
Melrose, Massachusetts

Name	When Built	Valuation
Whittier	1884	$ 32,200
Gooch	1886	105,000
Warren	1892	47,800
Franklin	1896	118,900
Lincoln	1896	316,700
Washington	1896	211,100
Coolidge	1897	527,800
Roosevelt	1924	230,500
Ripley	1924	128,111
Winthrop	1926	235,000
High	1933	1,142,222
Horace Mann	1950	325,000

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights & Measures for the year 1952 follows:

Weighing and Measuring Devices

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales	78	253	3	
Weights		164		
Capacity Measures (Volumetric)		109	1	1
Auto. Measuring Devices	32	139	5	
Linear Measures		18		
Totals	110	683	9	1

Trial Weighing and Measurings
Commodities sold and put up for sale (Including bulk fuel, solids) 196

Inspections: Fibre cartons, coal certif. milk and cream jars, fuel meters, (liquids), markings of bread and cake, egg packages, foods in packages, clinical thermometers, peddlers' scales and licenses, junk scales, etc. etc. 269

Equipment: in quantity and value, approximately the same as at end of 1951

Cost of Department

Salary	$1875.00
Other Expenses	263.95
	$2138.95

Receipts of Department

Fees, Sealing	$334.40
Licenses	10.00
	$344.40

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley H. Murray
Wesley H. Murray
Sealer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the following report of the Department of Veterans' Services for the year ending December 31, 1952.

General Administration
Salaries and Wages

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 7,110.30	
Expended:		
Salaries		$ 6,300.40
Balance		809.90
	$ 7,110.30	$ 7,110.30

General Administration
Other Expenses

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 960.00	
Expended:		
Bills Paid		$ 944.10
Balance		15.90
	$ 960.00	$ 960.00

Veterans' Benefits
(One half of State Approvals to be re-imbursed to City)

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 19,000.00	
Transfer Orders	11,400.00	
Expended:		
Cash (Treasurer's Payroll)		$ 29,853.89
Balance		546.11
	$ 30,400.00	$ 30,400.00

Veterans' Burials

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 600.00	
Expended:		
Bills Paid		$ 317.51
Balance		282.49
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

War Allowance

(To be re-imbursed to the City in full by the State)

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 250.00	
Expended:		
Bills Paid		$ 250.00
Balance		
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Armed Forces Records

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 50.00	
Expended:		
Bills Paid		$ 30.00
Balance		20.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Respectfully submitted

H. Leslie Trickey

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Veterans' Benefits Agent

REPORT OF WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor,
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1952.

Inspection of Wires.

Eighteen hundred and twenty one inspections were made on new work.
Seven hundred and five inspections were made on oil burner wiring.
Two hundred and sixty inspections were made on defects.
Two hundred and seventy six permits were issued to the Malden Electric Co allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System.

Fourteen hundred and ten inspections of box movements were made.
Three new boxes were installed.
Seven miles of weatherproof wire were pulled in.
Two hundred and three cross arms were installed.
All boxes were painted.

Police Signal System.

Three miles of iron and two miles of copper wire were pulled in.
Two hundred and twenty feet of tree molding were installed.
One hundred and twenty five batteries were installed in boxes.
Two new boxes were installed.
All boxes were painted.

Traffic Signals.

One hundred and three lamps were replaced.
Twenty five inspections were made on timers.
All posts and control boxes were painted.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred O Edwards
Inspector of Wires.

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